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Heinkel Bomber Crashes Near North Berwick RAIDERS IN LARGE NUMBERS ALONG EAST COAST

London, To-day.

THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCES that an enemy aircraft was attacked by R.A.F. Fighter Command patrols and crashed near the Firth of Forth shortly after midday yesterday.

Another German plane was seen off the north-east coast of England, and British fighters immediately ascended.

The enemy plane which crashed near the Firth of Forth is believed to be a Heinkel bomber.

The machine just missed telegraph wires and then struck a fence before crashing in a field near North Berwick.

Other Nazi planes were seen off the English and Scottish coasts, and British fighters engaged them.

During the raid bombs were aimed at shipping. — **Reuter.**

NAVAL DREDGER SUNK

Havas says that during the course of the raids, the Nazi 'planes bombed

a naval dredger and a defenceless fishing-boat. The fishing boat was not hit, but it is feared that two members of the dredger's crew lost their lives when a lifeboat was swamped. The dredger was sunk. This was the only Nazi success in the raid.

The raiders were seen from the shore and at one point a large crowd watched two German 'planes attempt to bomb a ship.

A number of bombs were dropped around the ship without damaging her and then some R.A.F. fighters came up and drove the Nazis off. — **Reuter.**

150 NAZI PLANES IN THE AIR

Copenhagen, To-day.

Great aeroplane activity was reported from the German air base on the island of Sylt at about 8 o'clock last evening.

Fully 150 planes were seen in the air at once, and an hour later five squadrons were seen flying westwards. — **Reuter.**

Several Vessels Bombed And Machine-Gunned

London, To-day.

Several vessels were bombed and machinegunned at noon off the East Coast by a German plane.

Ten minutes later three British planes appeared but the German machine had disappeared. As far as can be ascertained no damage was done.

CHAGRES SUNK

Off the north-west coast, however, the steamer Chagres (5,400 tons) was sunk by enemy action. Two of the crew of 64 are missing. The remainder were landed and the injured taken to hospital.

It was learned last night that in addition to the attacks by Nazi aircraft off the north-east coast and the Firth of Forth, raiders were engaged by our fighter patrols at various points as far north as Peterhead, in Aberdeenshire.

Off Arbroath, fighters pursued three Heinkels flying low over the water, while fighters also went to the assistance of a tanker which was being bombed off Peterhead. — **Reuter.**

ARTILLERY ACTIVE NEAR SAAR

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique stated that between the Moselle and the Saar artillery has been more active on both sides.

An enemy air raid was repulsed.

During a reconnaissance carried out on Thursday a severe encounter took place, during which the French detachments suffered some losses, which were, however, inferior to those inflicted on the enemy.

In Berlin, a German High Command communique states: "At Forbach our covering patrols encountered a superior enemy reconnaissance patrol. The enemy lost several prisoners."

"German planes engaged in frontier reconnaissance flights but did not make contact with the enemy." — **Reuter.**

GEN. STERN TO RETURN TO THE EAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

General Boris Stern, considered to be one of the best Soviet commanders, has left the Finnish Front for the Far East, usually well-informed reports reaching here state.

It is recalled that General Stern, who replaced General Blucher in the Far East, was called to the Finnish Front in January to remedy the disastrous situation.

Finnish newspapers see in his departure to the Far East an indication of trouble possibly brewing between the U.S.S.R. and Japan. — **Havas.**

GERMANS TAKEN OFF CARVALHO ARAUJO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lisbon, To-day.

The French Navy took two Germans of military age off the Portuguese ship Carvalho Araujo, bound for Lisbon from Madeira. — **Havas.**

AID BEFORE IT IS VAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
LONDON, TO-DAY.

IMMEDIATE AID TO FINLAND BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE IS DEMANDED BY THE "DAILY MAIL" WHICH STATES, "TIME IS RUSSIA'S BIGGEST ALLY. SHE CAN SACRIFICE MEN AND MATERIAL IN ENDLESS WAVES. SHE CAN SEND THEM UNTIL THE FINNS CAN ENDURE NO LONGER AND THEIR RESISTANCE BREAKS. THAT TRAGEDY MUST BE AVERTED."

THE JOURNAL CONCLUDES BY EXPRESSING DOUBT WHETHER ALL COUNTRIES WHICH PROMISED ASSISTANCE TO FINLAND HAVE FULFILLED THEIR PROMISES. — **HAVAS.**

EMERGENCY OPERATION ON LORD TWEEDSMUIR

Ottawa, To-day.

A bulletin issued at 6.15 last evening (G.M.T.) states that Lord Tweedsmuir's condition became more critical throughout the night, and yesterday morning an emergency trepanning operation was performed, which has temporarily relieved the increased intra-cranial pressure. — **Reuter.**

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WORLD PLANNING AFTER THE PEACE

London, To-day.

A declaration of policy by the Labour Party executive stresses the need of all British people first and foremost to contribute the utmost to the effort to overthrow the Hitler system, which it considers essential to the achievement of Labour's principles.

The Party is convinced that the peace treaty must provide independence for the Polish and Czechoslovak peoples. The Austrians must be left free to decide their own lot.

Whatever else may be contained in the peace treaty this will not be the last war in Europe unless we succeed in reconciling the French claim to security with German claims to equality. If Britain is inattentive or impatient towards either of these claims she will already have incurred a share of responsibility for the next war.

The Labour Party urges a just peace towards Germany without humiliation or revenge.

It condemns the Soviet-German pact on the eve of the war and the Soviet's unprovoked attack on Finland "in shameless imitation of the Nazi technique of foreign policy."

SOVEREIGN RIGHTS

The declaration proposes as part of the peace arrangements the creation of a new association of states whose collective authority must transcend the proper sphere of sovereign rights of separate states.

This authority must control such military and economic power as to enable it to enforce peaceful behaviour between its members and secure an all-round reduction of armaments based on internal requirements. Membership of this association should be open to all nations and the interests of the native population in backward colonies should be safeguarded through extension and strengthening

DONALD DUCK LAYS EGGS

A "corporal" attached to a French air reconnaissance squadron yesterday laid three eggs.

The corporal is Donald Duck, the squadron's mascot.

A parchment solemnly attesting Donald's status and rank still hangs on the wall of the officers' mess despite yesterday's disgrace. —Associated Press.

of the mandates system.

There must be an equal opportunity of access to raw materials and markets in the colonies for all peaceful peoples.

WORLD PLANNING

At the end of the war there must be hold economic and financial planning on a worldwide scale.

Comprehensive development of the colonial territories now divided between two or more colonial powers, as in Africa, must be undertaken through an international authority with a budget and powers greater than the League of Nations ever had. —Reuter.

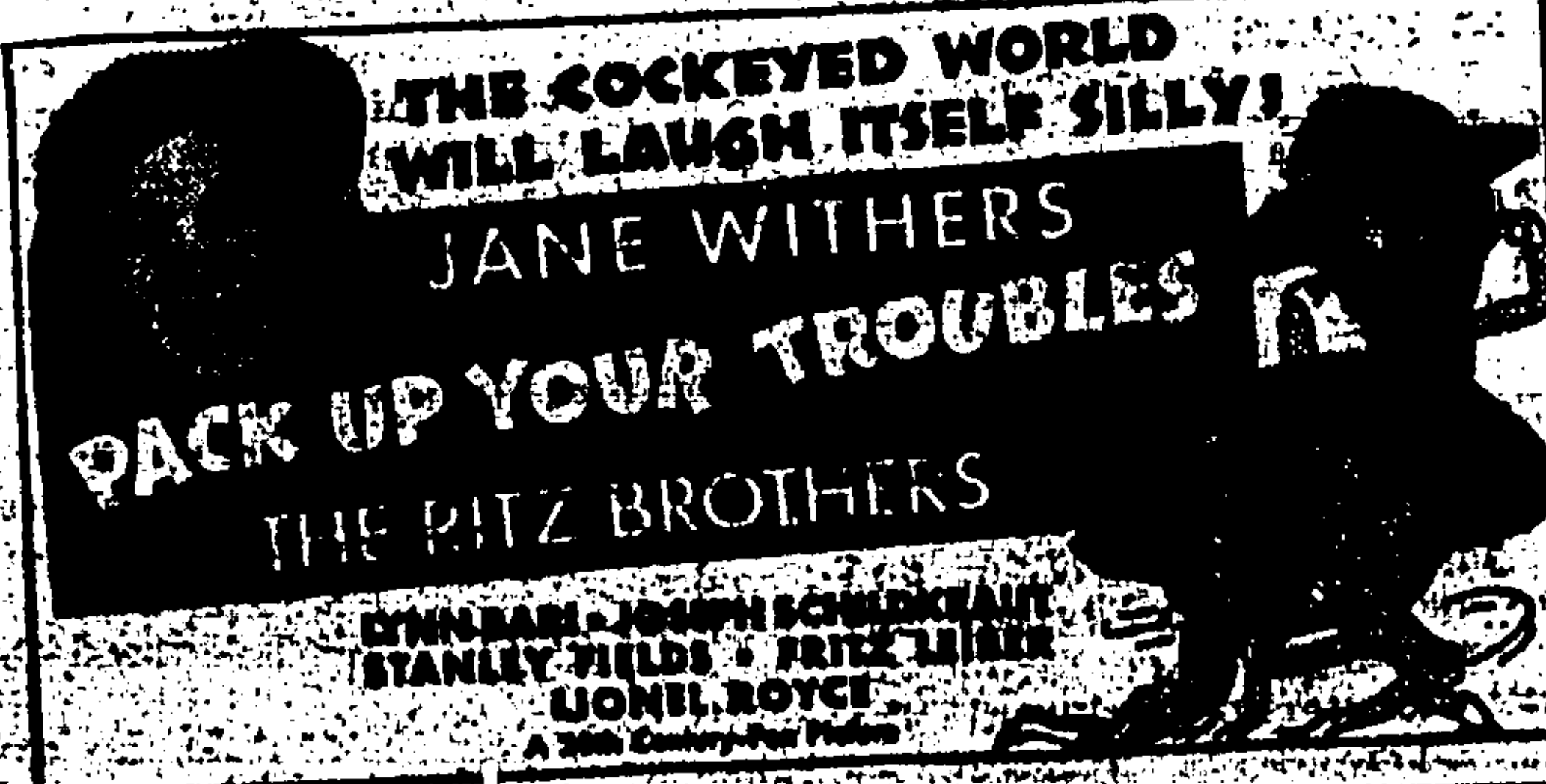
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ARAB LOYALTY TO ALLIED CAUSE

Manama, To-day.

A VIGOROUS STATEMENT of loyalty to the Allied cause has come from-Bahrein, in the Persian Gulf, which has been in treaty relations with the Government of India since 1820.

In a speech on Thursday on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of his Accession, the Sheikh of Bahrein said that one single man had set the world alight and caused this outbreak of war. That man is Hitler.

"The Arabs," he said, "are a democratic people by religion and nature. They are ranged on the side of the democracies against Hitler and his like."

Bahrein had for nearly 150 years been on terms of friendship with Britain. Britain had brought peace and security to the Persian Gulf and had protected Arabian relations without taking from them their independence.

"We declare that Britain's war is our war," he concluded, "and until victory comes all that we have is at the disposal of the British Government."—Reuter.

NO U.S. ARMS FOR FINLAND

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY HE DOUBTED WHETHER THE UNITED STATES WOULD SELL GUNS DIRECTLY TO FINLAND BECAUSE FINLAND WAS ENGAGED IN AN ARMED CONFLICT.

Referring to the report of the advisability of selling surplus munitions, President Roosevelt emphasised that in discussing possible arms sales he was talking about countries at peace.

He added that he was checking with his ammunition control advisers what properly could be considered surplus supplies.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S TRADE INCREASING

[SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL"]

London, To-day.

Germany's failure to cut the Empire's communication lines is seen in the latest figures of Australian exports which rose by 3½ million sterling since September, 2, 1939.

Furthermore, Australia's balance trade is now favourable whereas it was unfavourable up to September 1, 1939.—Havas.

WU CHI-TANG KIDNAPPED

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Wu Chi-tang, Director of the Tax Bureau of the National Government, was kidnapped in his residence in the French Concession last night.—Havas.

TRADE AFTER THE WAR

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE FEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS, HAS ARRANGED A MEETING BETWEEN BRITISH AND FRENCH INDUSTRIALISTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL QUESTIONS OF COMMON INTEREST.

The discussions will include means by which British and French industries can best co-operate during the war, and also means of collaboration by which after the war the two countries could jointly contribute to the change-over to peace conditions and to the creation of a more sound and stable world economic system.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT WITH B.E.F.

PARIS, TO-DAY.

AT THE INVITATION OF GENERAL LORD GORT, THE BRITISH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, PRESIDENT ALBERT LEBRUN YESTERDAY SPENT A DAY AMONG THE TROOPS OF THE BRITISH ARMY.

M. Lebrun visited a number of encampments and admired the fine standard of the troops.

The President, who is a brilliant engineer, showed the interest of a connoisseur in the British war material, especially anti-aircraft guns.

M. Lebrun was enthusiastically cheered by the men assembled to greet him.—Reuter.

SUGAR FOR THE NAVY

London, To-day.

Messrs. C. G. Smith, of Durban, have offered the Royal Navy 950 tons of refined sugar, valued at £20,000.

The sugar will be mostly used for ships on the Africa Station although some will be brought to England for use by the Home Fleet.—Reuter.

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Government's Subsidy To Check Increased Prices

LABOUR THINKS PAYMENTS ARE TOO HIGH

London, To-day.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS on Thursday night discussed the Government's scheme for preventing a rise in food prices by subsidies of £1,000,000 a week.

Mr. A. V. Alexander (Labour) said that the taxpayer was already providing £40,000,000 a year through the extra duties on sugar and tea and was now asked to find £50,000,000 more for food subsidies.

He made it plain that Labour thought that some of the payments to farmers were too high.

Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replied that the £50,000,000 would prevent a further rise in the food index of 12 points. The quantities of certain commodities must be reduced if they were to win the war.

Some Members asked why the Government had not bought commodities more fully.

Mr. W. S. Morrison, Minister of Food, replied that this would have played into the hands of speculators in certain foreign countries.

SUGAR GAMBLE

He mentioned that in New York sugar doubled in price between August and September. The Government, however, had held back until prices were almost at their August level once more. — Reuter.

FAR-SIGHTED SCHEME

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Government's scheme is a far-sighted one. No doubt payments to farmers are on the high side, but we want to encourage home production of food. The paper is satisfied that payments are justly allotted.

"The Times" admits that the scheme will be a considerable burden, but without it the total cost to the nation would be very much greater.

Further rises in food prices would have produced a feeling of instability and a rise in wages and costs would have been a heavy handicap to the export trade of the country.

LABOUR WAR AIMS

The Press also comments on the Labour Party's statement on war aims and issues, and even the Conservative Press endorses it.

As "The Times" says, although this is a Labour manifesto, it is also a reflection of the national view and correctly speaks for England. — Reuter.

VEREKER'S NEW POST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Mr. G. G. Vereker, former Councillor to the British Embassy in Moscow, has been appointed Minister to Helsinki. It is recalled that he was first appointed to Bolivia and left Moscow early in December.

He was taken prisoner on board a neutral ship by the Germans—this was in pre-Asama Maru incident days—and was released during an exchange of German consuls stranded in Britain.

Mr. Vereker served in Peking from 1923-1927.—Havas.

JOE LOUIS FIGHTING CHILEAN

New York, To-day.

Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, is 10 to 1 on favourite to retain the championship against the Chilean champion, Arturo Godoy, at Madison Square Garden.

The fight will start at approximately 11 a.m. to-day (Saturday) Hong Kong Time.

Godoy is a tough crouching battler but is not expected to survive 15 rounds against Louis's heavy punching.—Reuter.

FRENCH RAID ON RED BUREAU

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

COMMENTING ON A NAZI COMMUNIQUE REGARDING THE SEARCH CONDUCTED BY THE FRENCH POLICE ON THE PARIS OFFICE OF THE SOVIET TRADE DELEGATION, FRENCH AUTHORISED CIRCLES DECLARE THAT THE SEARCH WAS EFFECTIVELY CARRIED OUT ON FEBRUARY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH FRENCH SOVEREIGN RIGHTS.

It is added that contrary to German assertions, the delegation, as such, never enjoyed an extraterritorial diplomatic status.

The Soviet trade representatives were, it is true, granted exceptionally a diplomatic status by the Russian-French trade agreement, but this expired on December 12, 1939, and was not renewed.

The situation is so clear that even the official Soviet news agency—Tass—did not refer to diplomatic immunity.

The British took a similar stand when the police raided the offices of Arcos Limited, the Soviet trade delegation to London, in May, 1927.—Havas.

GESTAPO ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, stated yesterday that among innumerable documents seized recently during police searches were a number of questionnaires to which Gestapo agents in France were required to answer.

"It is for Parliament to reply to these questionnaires," declared M. Daladier.

"Those on the other side of the Maginot Line must be told that their efforts to destroy the morale of this country, because they have been unable to destroy the human French will, are in vain. "Gestapo agents in France are numerous because espionage had been encouraged by liberalism."

CHAMBER MUST ANSWER

A document which M. Daladier read also asked Gestapo agents what confidence France had in the Arab world and her black troops, how good the French police force was and how the Surete Nationale was organised.

M. Daladier added: "The Chamber must answer these questions in such a way that if it has confidence in me for the way in which the war has been prosecuted, those beyond the Maginot Line will know, and that if the contrary is the case they will also know. The important thing is to answer 'Yes' or 'No' to-day."—Reuter.

SOVIET GOLD FOR UNITED STATES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The Soviet cargo vessel Kim has arrived in San Francisco with \$5,000,000 worth of gold coins consigned to an unnamed New York bank.

Authorities here are of the opinion that the shipment was necessitated by the depletion of Soviet gold holdings in the United States following recent heavy purchases of war material.—Havas.

YUGOSLAVIA MAKES NEW MOVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

All Yugoslavian purchases of tin abroad will from now on be effected by the Cerels Export Company, it is officially announced.

The decision was taken in order to protect Yugoslav interests against German trusts whose branches in Belgrade took Yugoslavia's whole tin import quota "and attempted to re-ship the metal to Germany."

On the other hand, the decision apparently reflects the urgent feeling clearly apparent throughout Europe for the concentration and control of key industries.

Authorized circles assert that the export company will eventually become the sole purchaser of metals from abroad for Yugoslavia.—Havas.

WEYGAND IN CAIRO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CAIRO, TO-DAY.

GENERAL MAXIME WEYGAND, OF WORLD WAR FAME AND AT PRESENT COMMANDER OF FRENCH TROOPS IN THE NEAR EAST, HAS ARRIVED ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT.

He was greeted on his arrival by representatives of the foreign and local authorities.

Later, accompanied by General Wavell, C.-I.-C. British Troops in the Near East, and by the Egyptian Prime Minister, Ali Maher Pasha, he reviewed British and Egyptian motorised units near Cairo.

The Egyptian press expresses the greatest satisfaction at the visit, which strengthens Egypt's ties with the Allies.—Havas.

U.S. TRADE BUREAU IN MOSCOW CLOSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow has been closed and Mr. Spencer William, secretary, has left for America.

No statement has been issued on the reasons for the closing of the office.—Havas.



William Holden demands a chance to make good in this scene from Columbia's "Golden Boy," coming to-morrow to the King's Theatre with Adolphe Menjou and Barbara Stanwyck also starred. Menjou is seen as a fight manager; Holden as a young violinist who abandons music for quicker success in the prize-fing.

FINN SNIRERS' GHOST TACTICS

Details of the fighting in Finland, which show how extraordinary are the conditions and even more extraordinary the bravery and self-sacrifice of the Finns, are contained in a vivid despatch to the "Corriere della Sera" by Signor Indro Montanelli, correspondent with the Finnish forces.

He tells of the "human searchlights" which are employed by the Finns on the northern front. In the Arctic darkness the difficulty of the Finnish troops is, quite literally, seeing to fight.

As far as mere movement is concerned, the Finns, says Signor Montanelli, can float like bats through the firewoods and silently, on their skis, reach the Red positions. But there is not sufficient light by which to aim a rifle.

This is where the "human searchlights" are employed. Two or three men in each platoon are caparisoned with powerful dry-battery electric projectors, which hang flat upon their chests.

RUSSIANS DAZZLED BY BEAM

When the raiding party has reached its objective one of these men separates from his comrades, and after an agreed interval and from an arranged direction suddenly switches on the current of his searchlight. A dazzling beam is thrown upon the surprised Communist troops, who generally are found in dense formation, huddled together for warmth.

Meanwhile the remainder of the Finnish raiding party have crept from tree to tree till they are at very close range, and from the deep shadow on either side of the lane of light they pour in a rapid and murderous fire on the dazzled Russians.

They use for the purpose a special type of weapon, the "Bergmann," which is more of a sub-machine-gun than a rifle, each of its chargers holding 25 rounds, a gun of the character made familiar in American gangster films. With this scores of the Red troops are mowed down.

All this is done with intense rapidity: the "human searchlight" then snaps his light off as quickly as he snapped it on. That is to say, if he has survived, for obviously the beam makes him a perfect mark for any of the enemy who chance to be in a flank position outside the zone of light.

The human searchlights, indeed, says Signor Montanelli, "sono i predestinati a morte," are "men predestined to death." But to carry the searchlight is considered a privilege, a sort of medal, and it is granted to those soldiers who have shown themselves bravest and quickest in combat.

BACK INTO THE DARKNESS

When the searchlight has been extinguished the raiding party makes off in the darkness into which the light-blinded Russians cannot follow them, and repeat their exploit presently on some other point of the front, miles away. More like ghosts than men, in fact, they haunt everywhere the ill-clad, famished Russian line, materialize themselves an instant, stay, and are gone.

Signor Montanelli says that the Russian insistence on mechanised units tells against them always. The Finns, if possible, never go into the open, where the tracks of their skis (this is in the southern sectors, where there is more light) would betray them to enemy armies.

They keep within the fir-woods, which the Russian armoured-cars cannot penetrate, while the Finns use their sturdy little horses to drag light artillery on sledges along paths between the trees.

The Italian correspondent watched the training exercises of the boys of Finland, who now, from the age of 16, are preparing to take their stand with elder brothers and fathers in the defence of their country. The hardness of the boys astonished him.

TEST OF RIGIDITY

The training included a test of rigidity. Those undergoing it had to stand motionless to attention for half

DOUGLAS HAIG CHANGES HIS MIND

Bearing the name of the great Field-Marshal, Douglas Haig Harrison lived up to it at London Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal.

"I have changed my mind," he said, "and should like to get into the Air Force." His name was removed from the register.

In his application, Harrison, a paint sprayer, of Elford-road, Highbury, London, N.2, had stated that he lost his father in the last war, and did not wish a baby his wife was expecting soon to be left fatherless as he was.

an hour, the temperature then being at 20 deg. below zero. Any youth who fell or fainted would be held unsuitable for the army. An officer with a watch in his hand stood watching their ranks.

"The very air," writes Signor Montanelli, "was stiff with cold," but not one boy wavered in the ranks. At the end of the half-hour the officer blew his whistle lightly, and all the youths, effortlessly and instantly, skied away through the forest, to be followed by a fresh group, who in their white clothes stood rigid as marble statues to undergo the test.

The cultivation of immobility is part of the ghost-tactics of the Finnish Army, so that, silent and invisible, they may ambush the Reds.

CHINA NOT EASILY SLAIN

Tokyo, Jan. 28.

"China is like a worm," Sir Victor Sassoon, Shanghai businessman, told Japanese newspapermen when interviewed at Kobe en route to the United States.

"You can cut China into three pieces, and all three continue to move—fully alive," he added.

Sir Victor had little more to say; he complained, however, that the press has a "deplorable liking to sensationalise" his travels.—Havas.

THE WAR IN FINLAND: DANGER OF NAZI- SOVIET COALITION

The Russians have now made some progress in Finland. Their tremendous superiority in numbers and weight of metal has begun to tell. Russian strategy is based on the idea of the mass-attack, an idea that is generally regarded as old-fashioned but is practicable when there is immense superiority in numbers and complete disregard for human life. Russia's resources in man-power are as good as inexhaustible, and the same is true of her resources in war material as long as the Finnish war remains localised.

WILL NOT BE EASY

At the same time, the Russian victory—if it is a victory—will not be easy, and it may be long delayed. Even if the Russians reach the Gulf of Bothnia and so not only cut Finland in half but sever her from Sweden, the Finns are determined to continue their resistance. This may mean abandoning the entire northern half to the enemy and being deprived of supplies from outside, for there is no way of reaching Southern Finland except through Sweden and the Baltic—and the Baltic is commanded by the German-Russian coalition.

DANGER TO ALLIES

The danger which the existence of this coalition means to the Western Powers is at last coming to be realised here, though even now the realisation is inadequate. The question of giving the Finns help on a greater scale has been considered both here and in Paris. Help is being given, and British aeroplanes in particular have shown themselves very superior to Russian aeroplanes, but if Finland is to survive more help is needed and needed quickly.

A Russian conquest of Finland would place Sweden in an almost absolute dependence on Germany and establish a strong preponderance on the part of the German-Russian coalition in Northern Europe.

RED INEFFICIENCY

The Finnish war has another aspect. It is likely that the Russians plan the

invasion of Bessarabia. The Finnish war has clearly exposed the inefficiency of the Russian Army, Navy and Air Force. Whereas a month or two ago it was taken for granted that Rumania would not attempt to resist a Russian invasion, it would now seem that she will fight if Russian troops cross her borders. It will be easier to help her than to help the Finns, and a Russian victory no longer appears to be a foregone conclusion.

But if the Finns collapse because they have not even received the help they might have received, the repercussions in Southern-eastern Europe, indeed amongst all the neutrals, will be unfavourable to the Allied cause. Events in Finland may determine the course of events in Rumania.

TURKISH ALLIANCE

Fortunately the alliance between Turkey and the Western Powers grows more and more solid and cordial. The negotiations with the Turkish Commission that has now left for Paris have been completely successful. The alliance is turning out to be a great stabilising force in the Near East and one that influences the entire Balkan situation in favour of the Western Powers.

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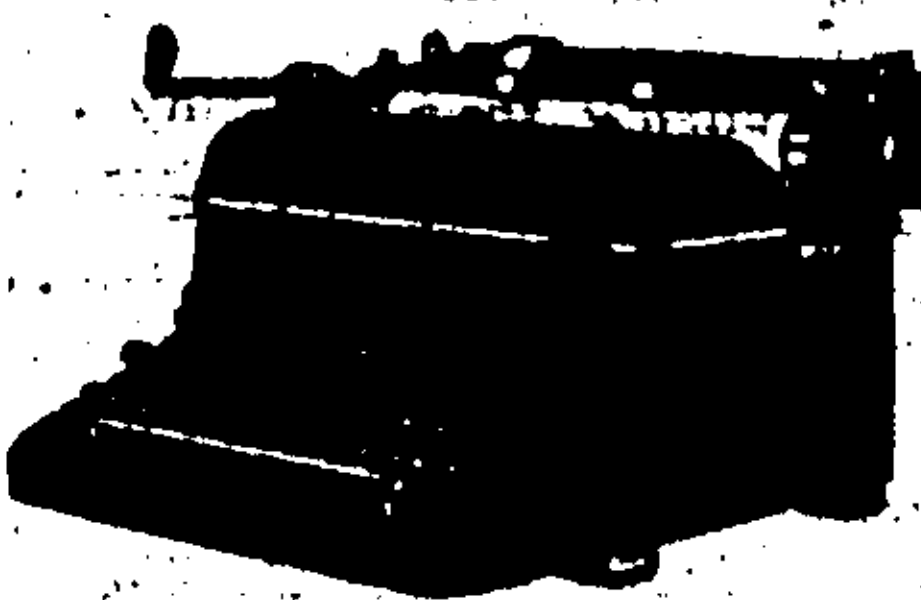
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FINNS HOLD ON MAGNIFICENTLY

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.
THE SOVIETS ARE STRIKING HARD AT ALL FRONTS, BUT SO FAR THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY SIGNS OF A FINNISH WEAKENING AT ANY POINT.

It is officially denied that the Mannerheim Line has been breached at any point. During four attacks on Thursday, the Soviets lost 700 men in an attack on the Line in the Karelian Isthmus.

Further north, another Soviet Division is in difficulties, and this is believed to be the explanation for two Soviet attempts to cross the frontier a little further north again.

Neutral correspondents on the Arctic Front report that here, too, the Finns are more than holding their own and have even re-taken some ground. The Petsamo highway has been destroyed by Soviet bombing raids.

HEAVY LOSSES

Helsinki, To-day.

A communique says that on Thursday the enemy attacks continued in the Summa sector and were repulsed with heavy losses to the Russians; seven tanks were destroyed.

At Punnusjoki and Pasuri enemy attacks supported by artillery, aircraft and tanks were repulsed; the enemy lost 700 men and 12 tanks.

At Taipaleenjoki the enemy began a heavy attack, and the battle is continuing. Two tanks were destroyed and the enemy was repulsed everywhere, suffering continued heavy losses.

19 TANKS DESTROYED

North-east of Lake Ladoga there is continuous heavy fighting and one of the enemy's heavily defended bases was occupied.

During the day 19 tanks were destroyed, and the fighting continues. At Kuhm our troops further improved their positions.

Our air force bombed successfully several columns and concentrations.—Reuter.

Still Holding Out At Summa

Helsinki, To-day.

Although the Russians are continuing their attacks on Finland's many fronts the Mannerheim Line is still holding out, even at Summa, which has always been regarded as its most vulnerable spot.

For the eleventh successive day the battle continues around Kuhmo, where another Russian division is believed to be in difficulties.

The Finns claim to be shooting down many Russian patrols on the northern front. These patrols seldom consist of less than 100 men, and therefore present a much more vulnerable target to the enemy than the tiny Finnish patrols.

REASON FOR SOVIET ACTIVITIES

One explanation of the large size of the Russian patrols is said to be that the Russian officers found that when they allowed small groups of their men to go off on their own they often simply wandered over to the Finnish lines and quietly surrendered.

The Finns believe the purpose of of the recent intensive attacks is that the Russians are anxious to make some impression on Finland before the end of February, when operations are likely to be temporarily delayed by fresh falls of snow.—Reuter.

Furious Onslaught

Stockholm, To-day.

The Soviets' fiercest attempt to break the Mannerheim Line has now extended right across the Karelian Isthmus and has apparently developed into the most furious onslaught since the beginning of the war.

It is being accompanied by heavy fighting on other fronts.

According to a semi-official statement in Helsinki the Russians have not gained "a single yard of territory" in the attacks which began on Thursday in the Summa sector.

SAME MODEL

The new attacks on Punnusjoki and Pasuri followed the model of the Summa fighting, with a long artillery preparation, then bombing and machine-gunning of the Finnish lines from the air and finally a land attack by tanks and infantry.

The front along the Taipale River has been quiet for some time, and it is an indication of the magnitude of the present Soviet effort that this front is being simultaneously attacked.—Reuter.

DEATH OF NOTED BEDOUIN CHIEF

Cairo, To-day.

The death is announced of Hamedad Basser Pasha, noted Bedouin chief who was formerly exiled to Malta with the late Egyptian Nationalist leader, Zaghl Pasha.

Hamedad devoted his later years to fostering a political and economic rapprochement among the Arab countries.—Reuter.

AMERICAN DECISION ON SUBMARINES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

RIO JANEIRO, TO-DAY.

THE PAN-AMERICAN NEUTRALITY COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED ALL AMERICAN STATES TO EXCLUDE FROM THEIR HARBOURS AND TERRITORIAL WATERS SUBMARINES BELONGING TO BELLIGERENT STATES EXCEPT IN CASES OF FORCE MAJEURE URGENT OR HUMANITARIAN NECESSITIES.

Furthermore, belligerent submarines, when admitted to territorial waters, must be compelled to navigate on the surface and follow a course set by the authorities.

They must also obtain a special certificate.

Any infraction of these rules will entail internment of submarines.—Havas.

WEYGAND ON THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day.

The determination of France is to fight to the very end, vigorously asserted General Weygand, who is visiting Egypt, speaking at the Association of French War Veterans.

"France wants to continue the war until full victory is achieved for the

LOS ANGELES EXPLOSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Los Angeles, To-day.

Three tremendous explosions shook the Los Angeles district yesterday shattering hundreds of window panes in the city.

The explosions were heard as far as Pasadena.

So far it is known that two persons were injured but further details are lacking.—Havas.

MEIN KAMPF UNCHANGED

London, To-day.

It was at one time reported that the new editions of "Mein Kampf" being distributed among the German soldiers had been purged of their anti-Communist passages.

This is not the case, copies of the book now reaching London disclose.

The original text still stands, and the German soldier can still read that the rulers of Russia are blood-stained criminals and that a pact with Russia will lead Germany to ruin.

The German soldier thus has the choice of believing either what Hitler once wrote, or what he says now—but not both, a nasty problem for Goebbels' Ministry of Propaganda and Misinformation.—Reuter.

benefit of a peace giving Frenchmen at least a century of calm," stated the French General.—Havas.

RUSSIAN TRAFFIC IN METALS VIA VLADIVOSTOK

New York, To-day.

THE MEXICAN PORT of Manzanillo has become the clearing-house for an important traffic in copper between New York and Vladivostok, according to a despatch from Mexico City to the "New York Times."

The report says it is suspected that from Vladivostok the copper will be sent to Germany by the trans-Siberian railway.

Three American freighters unloaded copper at Manzanillo recently, it declares, while the Soviet vessel Mayantowski left with a cargo of copper on February 2 and two other Soviet freighters are expected to take more of the metal.

Commercial observers are puzzled why the copper is taken from New York to Mexico in American ships, since thereby the cost is increased.

One suggestion is that the Russians, who are also taking Mexican lead, have insufficient ships to spare to go to New York.

ONE CARGO WORTH \$500,000

The San Pedro correspondent of the "New York Times" says the Soviet vessel Vladimir Ayakowsky, which sailed for Vladivostok after

taking on board 200 tons of molybdenite, had loaded a \$500,000 cargo of strategic metals and minerals at Manzanillo.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

San Pedro (California), To-day.

The Soviet steamer Vladimir Mayakovsky is heading for Vladivostok with a cargo of war material mainly molybdenum and copper.—Havas.

DEATH OF MR. W. DODD

New York, To-day.

Mr. William Dodd, former United States Ambassador to Germany, died yesterday of pneumonia at his country home at Roundhill, Virginia.

Mr. Dodd was famous for his outspoken attacks on the Nazi system.—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT TO BEGIN NEW PEACE OFFENSIVE?

Mr. Sumner Welles Leaving On Special Mission

MR. CORDELL HULL ACTIVE AMONG NEUTRALS

Washington, To-day.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT announced yesterday that he is sending the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, to Europe for a personal survey of conditions in Italy, France, Germany and Britain.

Mr. Welles is to leave on February 17 and will go direct to Italy in the liner Rex.

Replying to a barrage of questions, President Roosevelt explained that while the United States had diplomatic representatives in the four countries Mr. Sumner Welles was to visit, he thought there was something in one mind visiting all four, instead of four minds reporting from separate countries.

President Roosevelt said those who enlarged on his statement would be wrong; Mr. Welles would not go either to Finland or Russia.

Mr. Welles would carry no special message and would take no staff.

General impression in Washington is that President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull desire a detailed and comprehensive report by a fresh mind.

Meanwhile, in London, British official circles learned with satisfaction of the forthcoming visit of Mr. Welles.

It is stated in London that Mr. Welles will be certain of receiving a cordial welcome and can be sure of obtaining all the information the British Government can provide him in order to enable the President to form a clearer view of the European situation. — Reuter.

Mr. Cordell Hull Follows Another Bent

Washington, To-day.

While President Roosevelt was revealing yesterday the forthcoming despatch of a special observer to Europe, Secretary of State Cordell Hull announced that diplomatic conversations "of an informal character" had begun with neutral governments "in view of the evident desire of all neutral nations for the eventual restoration of world peace."

Mr. Cordell Hull emphasised that the conversations "involve no plan or plans but are in the nature of preliminary enquiries relating to a sound international economic system and at the same time a worldwide reduction of armaments."

He added that the conversations "can be extended to the belligerents insofar as they involve these two common problems of future peace."

The conversations did not embrace "matters involving the present war conditions."

NO ASSOCIATION

The State Department emphasises that the conversations have no connexion with the visit of Mr. Sumner Welles, the Under-Secretary of State, to Europe.

It is explained that the conversations were begun by Mr. Cordell Hull summoning the Ambassadors and Ministers of various governments.

Mr. Hull saw the Netherlands Minister in the morning.

One State Department representative said the talks were not designed to bring about peace in Europe but concerned what sort of work would be organised after the peace.

NOTED WITH INTEREST

In London, the announcement that peace conversations with certain neu-

trals are in progress has been noted with interest.

It is pointed out that the British and French Governments have made it abundantly clear the conditions under which they could see a termination of hostilities.

They have also made equally plain the principles for which they are fighting, principles which they believe are not less dear to the people of the United States than to those of the European Democracies who have taken up arms in their defence. — Reuter.

CLEAN-UP WARNING

The following regulation has been added by the Governor-in-Council to the Emergency Regulations:—

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IN THE "GAZETTE"

The following appointments, etc. are gazetted:

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Mr. H. C. Eardley to be Acting Sub-Lieut. in the H.K.N.V.F.

QUESTIONS FOR NEW YORK POLICEMEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Henceforth, all New York policemen and employees will be compelled to reply to a questionnaire asking them whether they belong either to the Christian Front, German-American Bund, Communist Party, or to any other subversive organisation. — Havas.

YUGOSLAVIA OFFER TO HUNGARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

It is persistently rumoured that Yugoslavia is proposing to Hungary a bipartite non-aggression treaty which also provides for the recognition of frontiers and the protection of their respective minorities.

It is also stated that Yugoslavia's plan is approved of by other members of the Balkan Entente. — Havas.

THERE'S MUCH WEALTH IN LONDON'S DUSTBINS

Thousands of pounds are being saved every week in Great Britain—and the source of this wealth is the dust-bin!

Rags, paper, bones, bottles, and even empty tins thrown into the refuse bin are helping the country to save money, and, incidentally, to win the war.

In this anti-waste war, one of the most astute "generals" is Mr. H. Gurney, Tottenham Borough Council's cleansing superintendent.

He has brought his anti-waste campaign to such a fine art that the only real waste now to be found at Tottenham is the smoke coming from the chimney in the cleansing department's yard!

Although many local authorities utilised waste in peace time, since the war the campaign has been intensified. Every cleansing department in the country is now requested to make a monthly return to the Director of National Salvage of the waste utilised and its value in cash.

Last month, Tottenham saved refuse worth nearly £700. Major items in this account were 37 tons of clean paper, worth £100; 69 tons of dirty paper, worth £164; and £128 worth of textiles—old jumpers, rags, and a miscellaneous selection of discarded clothing.

EVERYTHING OF VALUE

How all this waste is utilised was explained by Mr. Gurney. He said that approximately

ten million tons of refuse is collected every year in England and Wales. Fifteen per cent. of this—1,500,000 tons—is paper. All the clean paper goes to make cardboard.

In Essex is one of the largest cardboard manufacturers in the world. They use 4,000 tons of paper pulp every week. Mr. Gurney stated that if all the waste paper in the Metropolitan area were collected in clean

condition it would provide the entire requirements of this factory.

At Tottenham, they have an endless belt system for sorting all refuse. From this all the dirty paper is collected—it can be used in the manufacture of certain types of linoleum.

Rags are cleaned and washed by machinery, packed into bales, and sent to paper manufacturers. Bones can go to the glue factory, be used as a fertiliser, or for poultry food.

"WASTE" PIGS

Pride of the Tottenham Cleansing Department, however, is a piggy which the men recently started.

They have now 40 young pigs which are being fattened for sale. Bought at about 40s. each, they are expected to realise between £5 and £6 each.

The pigs are fed largely from edible refuse, for which the department provides special bins for people who will collect this kind of "waste."

HIGHER PAY ON RAILWAYS

London, To-day.

Additions of from 1/6d. to 4/- a week for more than 500,000 railway workers were announced yesterday.

These additions are to be retrospective from Jan. 1 and will absorb cost of living additions payable from that date.

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The existing cost of living sliding scale will be suspended. — Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

"VALUES"

A lot of hard thinking is going on among supporters of "the Left" in Great Britain, and among the "advanced" groups and parties in France. They will certainly not become pro-capitalist. They may not yet realise that their outlook will tend to resemble that of the "liberals" whom, in the past, they have so often scorned, but whose "values" of individual and political freedom are now seen to be worth defending. It may be hard for the holders of "values," thus transmuted, to escape all at once from the jargon and the catchwords which they have borrowed from Marxism. They feel they may have to speak a different language in future though they do not quite know where and how to learn it.

Another change, if not precisely a transmutation, of values has been and is going on among British pacifists. In their ranks were some of the sincerest idealists in our public life. They, too, are searching their hearts and asking themselves whether, after all, there are not things for which men may rightly fight. One sign of this heart-searching is the very small percentage of "conscientious objectors." In the war of 1914-1918 the percentage was much higher.

On the other hand nobody, whatever his or her "values" may be, rejoices in this war. It is felt to be a grim and horrid business, only to be endured because the alternative must have been worse. Many hope for the beginnings of a better world when it is over. If Hitler and Stalin could understand this temper they might perceive that it is inspired by a sense of "values" which nothing they can do will avail to transmute.—H. Wickham Steed.

NEW POLAND

There are lessons learned within the past twenty years of independent Poland that will put the contemporary Poles at a decided advantage over the preceding generation that started on the career of nation-building in 1918-19. Whatever the defects of the Polish parliamentary system, the present generation had tasted and enjoyed freedom during that period in a measure that is only accentuated by what preceded and what followed. They made mistakes and learned lessons in self-government that will make possible the achievement of a much finer type of democracy, both in its political and social implication. The new Poland will have to face numerous problems and difficulties. First, the geographic position. The Poles call it a geo-political problem. In the jostle of tribes and nations during their migratory movements the Poles were trapped between the Teutons and the Mongols, called Eastern Slavs, misnamed Great Russians. As a result, the Poles were destined to "live dangerously" ever after. Besides, they got the worst bargain in variety and fertility of the soil, in climate, in natural resources, in access to the sea.

In the post-war readjustments there will be tasks peculiar to the Polish scene, such as rebuilding of objects destroyed, nursing back to health an undernourished, impoverished and de-

moralised population; reallocation of displaced population, re-Polonisation of the educational system, replenishment of the intelligentsia, and, above all, the necessity of applying a high order of statesmanship to the solution of an intensified Jewish problem. Inhuman anti-Semitic policies of the Nazis are driving tens of thousands of Jews from surrounding territories into the "rump Polish State," devoid of economic possibilities not only for the middle class but for any class.

In spite of all these bristling difficulties the Poles are facing the future with faith and courage; and sing, as they have been singing since 1795; "Poland is not dead as long as we live."—Prof. Stephen Mizwa, in the "Christian Science Monitor."

BONDS OF INSULATION

American experiments in insulation—from the Monroe Doctrine to the "safety band"—yield enlightening lessons. One of the first of these lessons is that such policies tend to favour, and to find most support among, European Powers whose outlook is most similar to the American outlook.

The history of the Monroe Doctrine will illustrate the point. This is not really a policy of isolation. It commits the United States to broader policies. But it aims at continental insulation. To British statesmen of 1823 it may have been less satisfactory than a joint Anglo-American declaration toward the same ends would have been. Nevertheless the Monroe Doctrine fitted well in the pattern of British interest in the newly emancipated New World. The British design did not include acquisition of New World territories but rather development of trade.

Britain's interest therefore was served by an American policy which would prevent other European nations from imposing their rule in the New World. To-day well-informed Americans recognise that the ease with which the United States has maintained the Monroe Doctrine is due in no small measure to the benevolent attitude of Europe's strongest naval power toward that Doctrine.

A connection—though of a different sort—likewise exists between United States neutrality legislation and Allied interests. The legislation was intended to insulate the United States from the war in Europe. While doing this it yet operates to the advantage of those Powers controlling the ocean. And it does so through the very provisions—cash-and-carry—which are intended as the main feature of insulation. The fact illustrates how the United States remains likely to find the policies it adopts to protect its own interests tending to harmonise with those of the two great democratic sea powers.

This situation arises less from sentiment, it should be noted, than from geographical factors and the widespread character of American interests. It may be objected that the cash-and-carry provisions may also operate to favour Japanese policies in China. But these run counter to United States interests. Therefore steps like the State Department's moral embargo against gasoline-producing equipment for Japan and Russia are likely to increase.—"Christian Science Monitor."

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

"If Hitler becomes a nuisance, we shall know how to get rid of him. We shall also get rid of the 'big business' fellows who have feathered their nests under Nazism. We shall use what Gregor Strasser once called 'the anti-capitalist yearning of the masses.' The masses will believe that we are in earnest when we put the big industrial capitalists up against the wall and shoot them as robbers of the people. This will make an impression on the anti-capitalist masses of the 'democracies' also. It will be our finest stroke of propaganda against the enemy. The 'democracies' won't be able to find any idea half as good as this one to use against us. You don't believe me now, but before very long you will see things going that way. This is the real meaning of 'Hitler's' agreement with Russia."

SAD STORIES OF RED PRISONERS

FOREIGNERS IN SOVIET ARMY

(By Our Special Correspondent in Finland, Leland Stowe)

Aglajaervi, To-day.

SOMEWHERE BEHIND the Finnish eastern front we have just heard stories of more prisoners. These are far removed from the Karelian Isthmus where we first talked with others of their compatriots.

According to their own words, thousands of the Soviet Union's real proletarians, who had been taken untrained from farms and factories, have been driven to fight against the Finns under the threats of their Bolshevik officers or with the guns of the OGPU turned against their backs.

This testimony was not given through a Finnish interpreter but was obtained by direct questioning in the Russian language by an American correspondent who has lived for several years in Moscow.

These fifteen Red soldiers were in a small farm building enclosed with barbed wire which serves as sanitation centre and clearing house for prisoners before they are transported to a main camp much farther behind the line. The first prisoner interviewed was a thirty-nine year old father of six children and came from the province of Smolensk. His naked feet were terribly cold and black and purple from frostbite, so seriously, that both legs will probably have to be amputated.

FIGHT OR BE SHOT.

"They sent me out to fight with ordinary shoes. That is how my feet got frozen," he said, "I had never been in the army before but two months ago they took me out of the field. I had to leave my wife and six children. They take you whether you have many children or not. Yes, they gave us soup and a little bread and that was supposed to keep us happy. I never saw any meat."

This Russian, who had obviously suffered too much to have any reticence about his experience, said that he had cared for horses in a baggage car on the way towards the Finnish frontier. Then he said: "I did not want to fight but unless you went ahead you got shot. If you tried to go to one side, they shot at you. If you lay down in the snow they stuck a bayonet into you."

DRIVEN INTO BATTLE

We talked next to a young Jewish doctor who looked not at all like a doctor in any western country. He stated that he had heard of such cases, but had never seen any. Later we came to another prisoner; he had a round head, a wrinkled face and eyes which brightened up to make one forget the ape-like cast of his features.

"They hit me over the head with a revolver because I did not want to go forward," he said. Then he pointed ruefully to a large scab where his scalp had been slashed open.

This old fellow may have been a half-ignorant peasant, but he had the manners of a born comedian, except when he talked of the fight.

"As soon as we saw the Finns attacking we always ran and tried to hide in the woods," he explained simply. "They told us the Finns would kill us if they took us prisoners, but finally we did not care what happened to us."

SUDETEN GERMAN

The most interesting man amongst these prisoners was not a Russian but a Sudeten German aged twenty-eight, who had gone to Russia in 1931, because he could get no work in Sude-

tenland. He came from Karlsbad and he was far above the others in intelligence. Against his will, he had been forced to join the Russian army. He said the Russian proletarians in his division had never attended school for more than three or four years at the most. But they did not believe that Finland had been the aggressor in this war.

"The Russian soldiers do not talk about the war," he said, "they just march on. In my railroad car when we came up here there were sixty men, but only about thirty had ever used a gun before. I had never fired a gun in my life and I never fired my rifle once after we got to the front. When we were ordered to fight I would find a stone or a tree and lie down behind it, but I never fired a shot."

NO BELIEF IN WAR

This Sudeten conscript declared that the Russian soldiers had no interest in the speeches of their political commissars. They merely listened and then went on, but they said nothing at all and most of them did not believe what they were told. In his opinion, the real Russian proletariat had nothing to do with the war. They were simply driven into it.

We asked if other foreigners had been forced into the Red army and he replied: "Yes, there are many foreigners like myself but not Spanish Communists. They keep them hidden away and nobody sees them any more." The Sudeten said he had heard shooting behind the Russians' own lines, but had personally never seen anyone shot by the OGPU's army of control.

Finally, we talked to two Russian officers in an adjoining room. They were both young and also wore the quilted cotton uniform which virtually all Russian prisoners are wearing when captured. One was a lieutenant who has been in the Red army since 1932, but he looked as if he was scarcely qualified for more than a corporal in any European army. He responded to our questions automatically without looking any of us in the eyes.

SHEER MISERY

The Russian lieutenant admitted that he had been a member of the Communist Party, and then added with unexpected frankness: "But since I am a prisoner I am no longer a party member." He said they had been told that the Finns had started the war. "So we went to fight as a matter of discipline. We had orders and we had to carry them out."

The two officers talked much less freely than the common soldiers. The



The four friends, Dorothy (Judy Garland), the Scarecrow (Ray Bolger), the Tin Woodman (Jack Haley) and the Cowardly Lion (Bert Lahr) vainly try to figure an escape in this scene from "The Wizard of Oz." This film, described as the best since "Snow White," is coming to the Queen's Theatre shortly.

Russian soldiers, wherever we have seen them as prisoners, all looked in fact too miserable to care what happened to them. They are the saddest and most deplorable looking men in

uniform that I have ever seen.

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SECRET SESSION IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

For the first time in 20 years, the French Chamber of Deputies held a secret session yesterday.

M. Daladier had been telling the Chamber about the police raid on the Soviet trade bureau and the seizure of documents there, and said that Russo-German agents were operating in France, sounding out public opinion about M. Daladier's popularity; the strength of his Opposition; the attitude towards Britain; and other questions.

When a discussion arose on these points, M. Blum immediately called for a secret session. The motion was carried with a narrow margin of about 50 votes. — Reuter.

DECISION LEFT TO CHAMBER

Havas says that the secret session adjourned at 1 p.m. and reassembled at 3.30 p.m.

The voting in favour of the session came as a surprise. When M. Blum, the Socialist leader, proposed it, M. Daladier said that he opposed it, but would leave the decision to the Chamber.

The main Conservative group and the Socialists voted for a secret session and the motion was carried by 262 votes to 227. — Reuter.

PREMIER'S REVELATIONS

M. Daladier revealed that the Police had seized a great number of documents containing questionnaires which Gestapo agents in France were requested to fill.

One questionnaire asked whether the masses like M. Daladier; what is his prestige, how many votes would he gather in Parliament in case of a confidence vote; who are his friends and adversaries; what confidence has France in the Arab world, how important the French police is, the organisation of the French State Police, that is, the Surete Nationale. — Havas.

GERMANS LEAVING TURKEY

Istanbul, To-day.

All German technicians working in Turkish factories or industries connected with national defence have been dismissed. Over 100 are affected and they are leaving for Germany within a few days.

They include 20 engineers and technicians who were fitting engines into two submarines built for the Turkish Navy; 20 engaged at the naval base in the Sea of Marmora; and 20 working in an explosives factory.

No official reason has been given for this action. — Reuter.

ROYAL VISIT TO DOCKYARDS IN BRISTOL

Bristol, To-day.

The King and Queen yesterday visited dockyards in Bristol and chatted with merchant ship captains, some of whom fought in the last war and some of whom have seen action in this one.

One man was able to give the Queen first-hand information about the scuttling of the Graf Spee.

Their Majesties later visited aircraft factories, and watched the planes being built and tested. — Reuter.

HARRY POLLITT TO CONTEST SILVERTOWN

London, To-day.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, the former Communist leader, is to contest a by-election in Silvertown, West Ham, caused by the resignation of Mr. Jack Jones, Labour.

The Labour candidate will be Mr. J. H. Collins, while the Conservative Party will not contest the seat. — Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





After the wedding of Mr. George Lim, well-known basketball player and Miss Wong Mui-king. (Photo by Mayfair).

SWISS GIRL WHO TOOK FORT PHOTO 'FOR PLEASURE'

Facing a charge of committing an offence against the Defence Regulations by taking a photograph of a fort, Margartha Steffen, a 21-year-old Swiss domestic servant, was told by Sir Godfrey Baring, Chairman of the Magistrates at Newport, I.O.W., in binding her over for 12 months, that in any other country at war she would have been sent to a long term of imprisonment.

How the photograph was taken was told by Mrs. M. E. Moriarty, of Dudley-road, Ventnor, in evidence.

She said she was travelling in a railway compartment with Steffen from Ventnor to Sandown on October 24. Steffen shut the window for her when they were about to enter a tunnel, and they then got into conversation, although the girl could speak English only imperfectly.

Steffen told her, "I can only read and speak German and French. I can speak French like a native. I do not like the English." Later she produced some photographs, and among them was one obviously of a fort.

Mrs. Moriarty continued: "I said, 'Do you know you will get into trouble with the police for taking photographs of a fort?' and Steffen replied 'Yes.'"

"As the train approached Shanklin we passed a gasometer, and Steffen said, 'Gas.' She asked me to tell her when we got to Sandown as she wanted to change there to go to Freshwater (this was where the photograph was taken).

"Before leaving the train Steffen wrote her name and address on a piece of paper and gave it to me."

INFORMED POLICE

"Afterwards, considering the incidents in conjunction, I thought the whole thing rather unusual and I consulted my husband, who is a special constable, and he informed the police."

Police-constable Batley said that the photograph was of a portion of a fort in his district taken from about 30 yards' distance. It included a gun turret and an ammunition magazine.

Police-constable Shield, of Ventnor, said that Steffen admitted taking the photograph, and produced it with a number of others of Highland scenery. When asked if she knew who lived in the building, she replied "Soldiers," and when asked why she took it she answered, "It is my pleasure."

On the back of the print words equivalent to "the fort" were written in German.

Steffen, it was stated by her solicitor, was an alien, but a friendly alien, and although her offence was a serious one in war-time he submitted that there was a perfectly simple explanation for it, a romantic one, in fact.

GALLIPOLI MEMORY: TURKISH TRIBUTE

London, To-day.

The Turkish Ambassador to London has presented a Turkish flag to Holy Trinity Church, London, to be handed over to the 29th British Division which fought at Gallipoli in the last war.

The flag bears an inscription saying that it is "given on behalf of the Turkish nation as a tribute to the dead of both sides who fell heroically in the honourable struggle at Gallipoli."

General Sir Ian Hamilton, who commanded the British forces in that campaign, was among those present at the ceremony.—Reuter.

"NOT IN VAIN"

Havas says that after placing the flag beside the British and French flags on the Memorial to the 29th British Division, Dr. Tewfik Rustu Aras, the Turkish Minister, said that to-day they could stand before the Memorial commemorating those who fell in Gallipoli and say to them:

"Sleep peaceably in eternal sleep. From your sacrifices, which have not been in vain, comes this friendship which will always bind us together."

NAZI SECRET SERVICE

Paris, To-day.

The activities of the German secret service were discussed in the French Press yesterday.

It is pointed out that these activities are chiefly directed against the strengthening of Franco-British opinion.

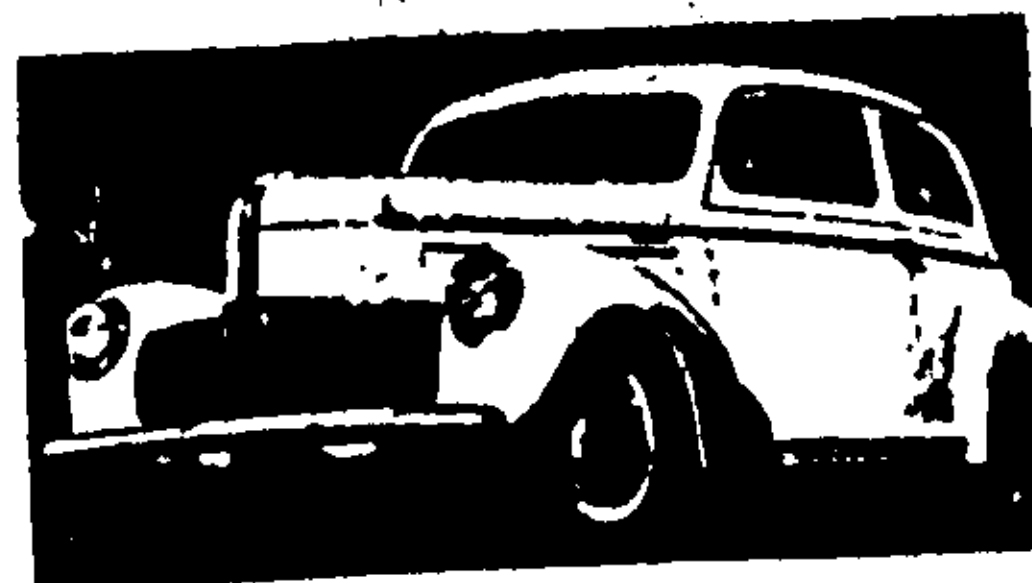
Letters have been posted in France to various people; the envelopes wear a deep black mourning border and the letters within carry the now familiar slogan that the French are dying for England, "because the English do not fight wars themselves."

The falsity of these crude methods have time and again been referred to by French and British statesmen.—Reuter.

As to her remark in the train, "I do not like the English," she had told him that she meant the language and not the people. If she had had any sinister motive or intended to use the photograph for the benefit of an enemy she would never have shown it to a casual acquaintance in a railway carriage.

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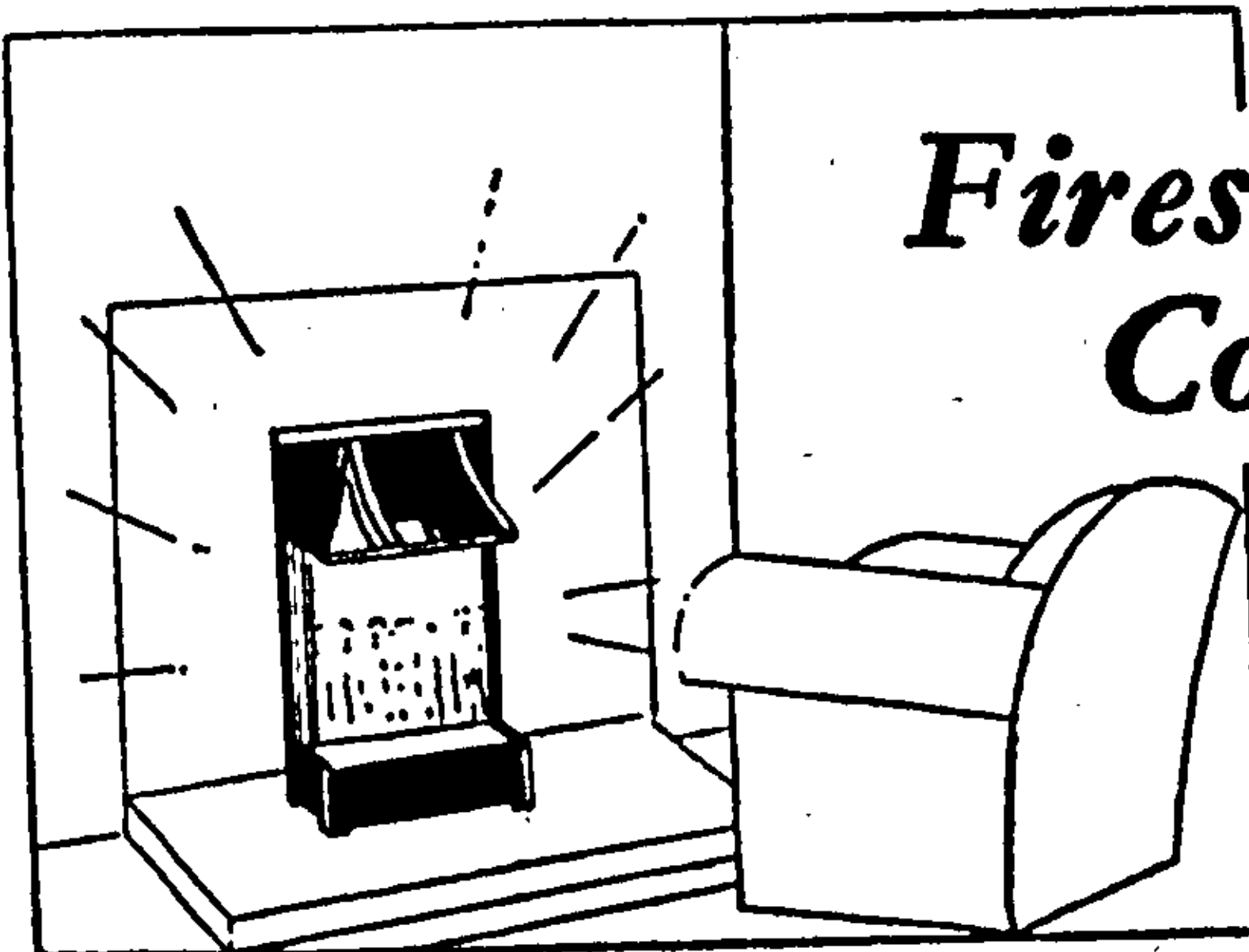
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 3rd February.	February 11.
Shanghai	February 11.
Manila	February 11.
Manila	February 11.
Shanghai and Amoy	February 11.
Shanghai and Amoy	February 11.
Shanghai	February 12.
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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th February.	February 12.
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Bangkok and Tourane	February 13.
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Japan and Manila	February 13.
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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 6th February.	February 13.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 7th February.	February 14.
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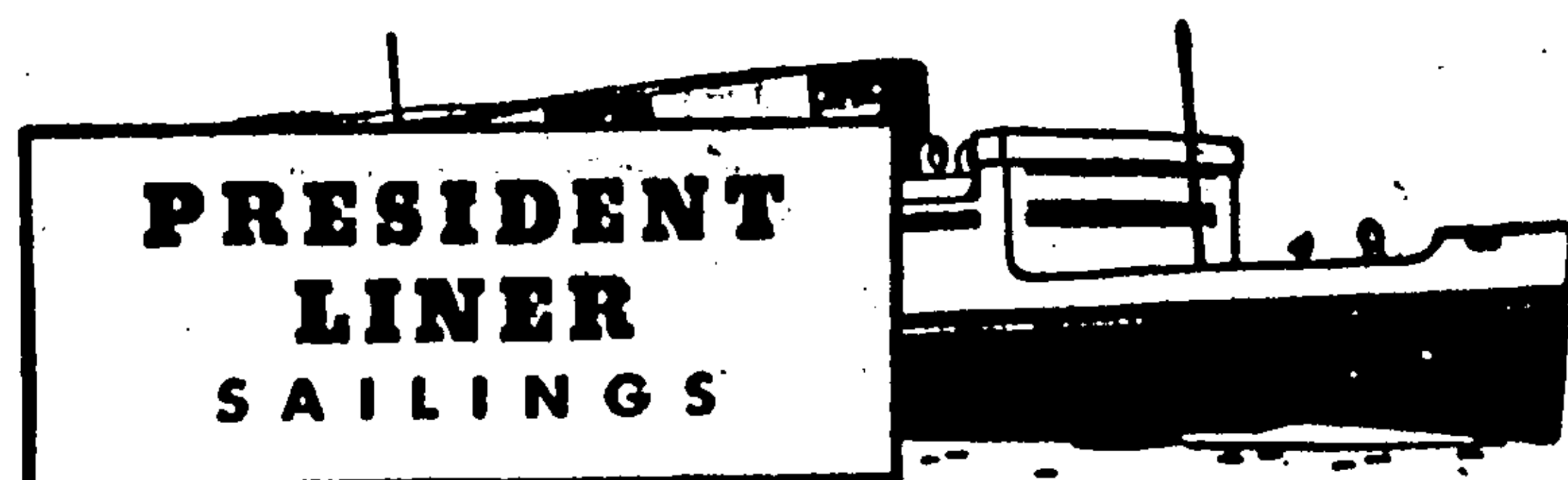
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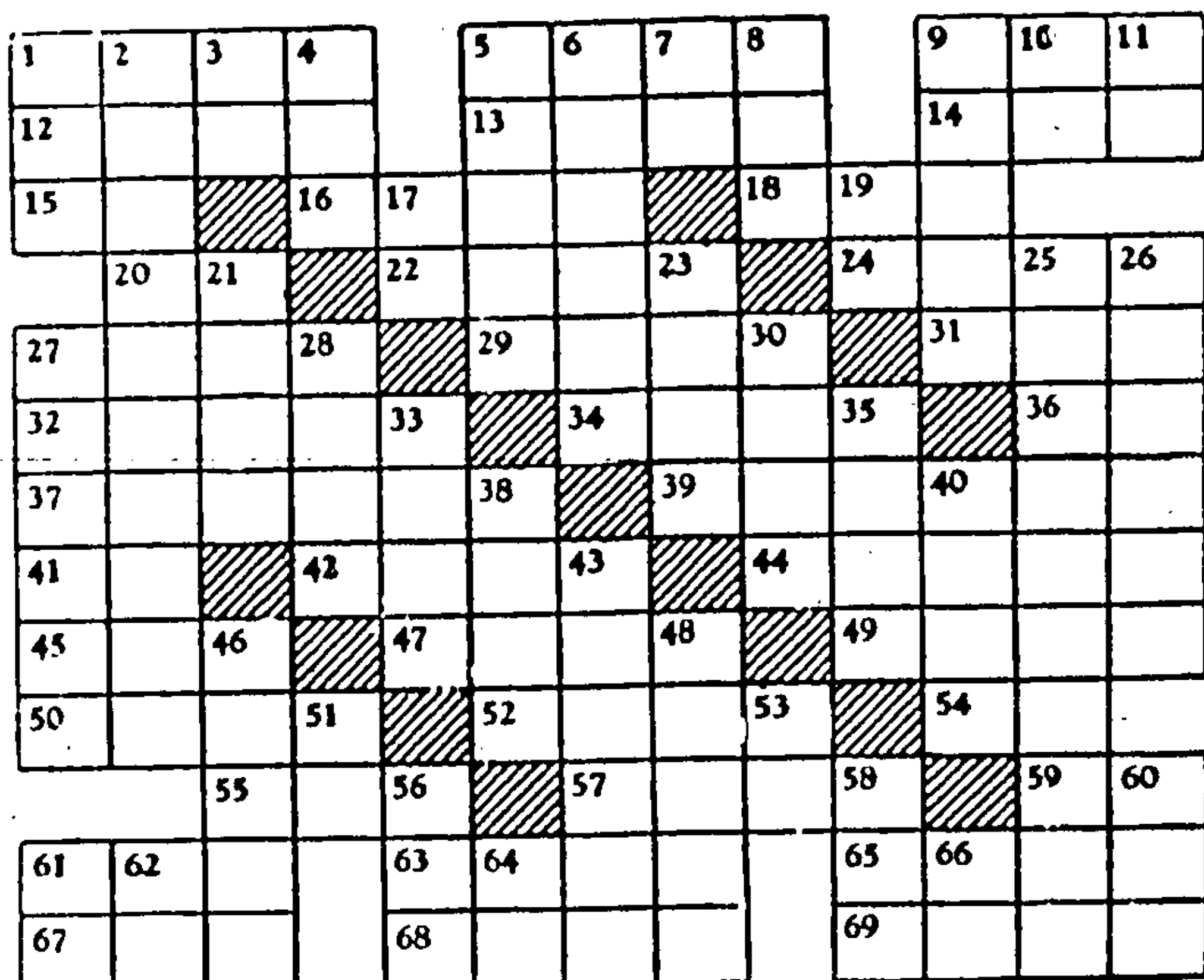
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- 9 Portuguese title
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- 13 Biblical country
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- 15 Belonging to
- 16 Trolley
- 18 Sodium chloride
- 20 Preposition
- 22 Auricular
- 24 Bows
- 27 Egyptian goddess
- 29 Halt
- 31 Ribbed fabric
- 32 Body of water
- 34 Carbon powder
- 36 Parent
- 37 Speed
- 39 Affirmed
- 41 Pronoun
- 42 To depart
- 44 Rock
- 45 Yield
- 47 To rend
- 49 Bubbles
- 50 Dutch cheese
- 52 Archaic: to suppose

VERTICAL

- 54 Musical syllable
- 55 Cry of cat
- 57 Celt
- 59 Japanese drama
- 61 Moslem name
- 63 To state
- 65 Grampus
- 67 Hindu cymbals
- 68 Places
- 69 Row

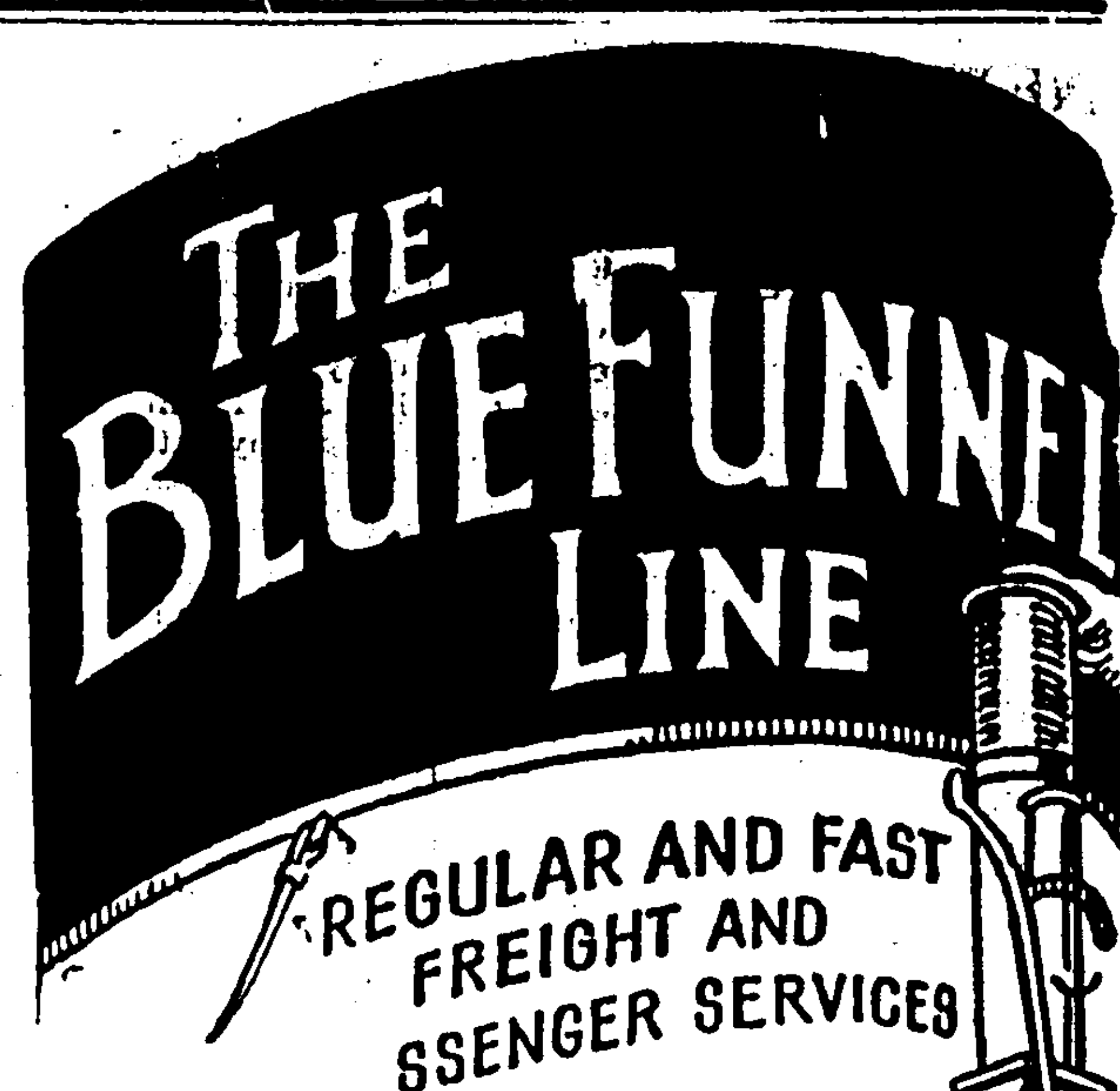
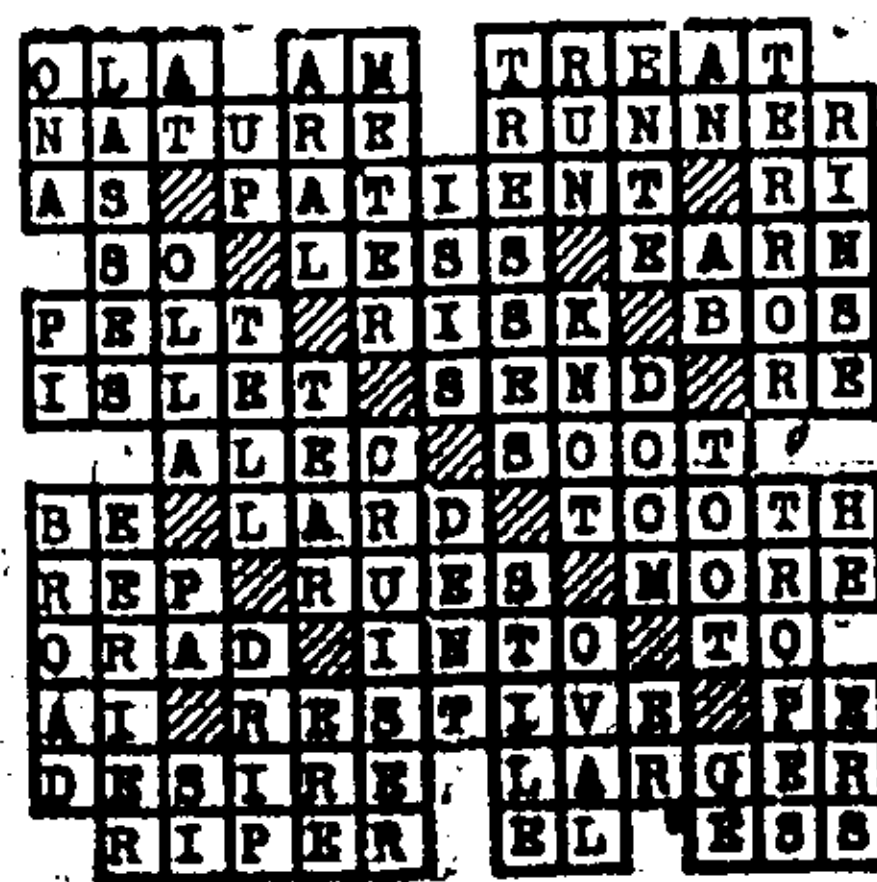
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- 1 Portuguese for "saint"
- 2 Perplexed
- 3 Italian article
- 4 To rent
- 5 Whips
- 6 Concedes
- 7 Extremely
- 8 German resort
- 9 Grief

VERTICAL

- 10 Siberian river
- 11 Musical syllable
- 17 Artificial language
- 19 Article
- 21 Wharf
- 23 Cries like a dove
- 25 Trust
- 26 Tools
- 27 Germicide
- 28 To cloy
- 30 Receptacles
- 33 Nearest
- 35 Makes lace
- 38 Parliament
- 40 Journey
- 43 Mark
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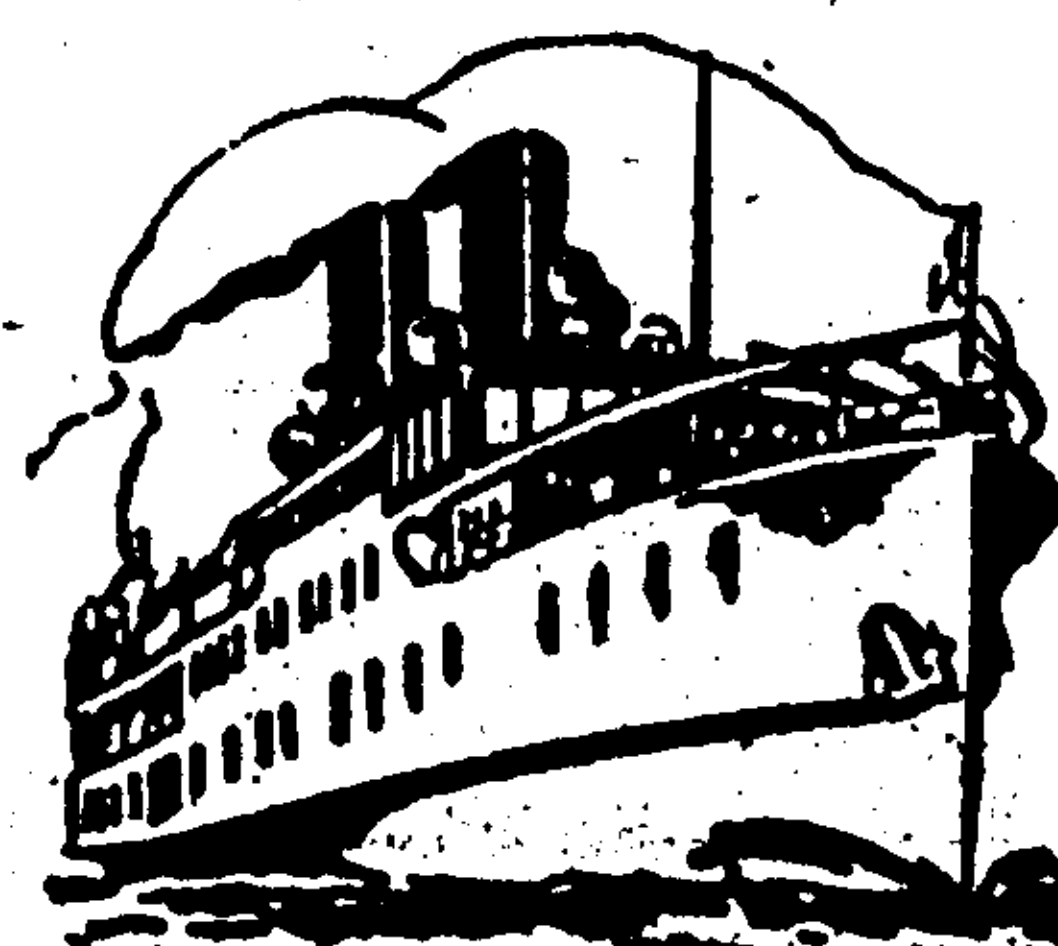
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ARMY SEX RISKS: NEGLECT IS CRIME

Controversy over sex disease prevention in the Army goes on Ivor C. Lewis, secretary of the National Society for the Prevention of Venereal Disease, urging the need for the issue of prophylactics, answers points made by Miss Alison Neilans, of the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene.

Miss Neilans suggested that there is no available proof that the issue of these packets can be relied upon. Referring to the Trevethin Committee report, she quoted the following sentence: "A great difficulty arises in determining how far these results were due to the prophylactic methods employed or were influenced by other factors in the case."

"I venture to suggest that Miss Neilans misses the point," comments Mr. Lewis, "My Society, of which Lord Horder is president, does not deny that other factors can contribute to the restriction of venereal disease."

"But we insist that scientific prevention is the only one of a specific

nature. It is far and away the most valuable one. To ignore it is criminal negligence, bound to lead to ghastly results."

Mr. Lewis quotes, in reply to Miss Neilans, another section of the Trevethin report: "We think that a man who after exposure is thoroughly and promptly disinfected by disinfectants of appropriate nature and strength runs little risk of infection."

HUMAN NATURE

The next point, he goes on, is "our old friend" human nature, "always a convenient resource for controversialists unable to impugn scientific evidence."

Supposing some men do get drunk and fall to avail themselves of preventive measures at their disposal. Is that a valid argument, he asks, for depriving the vast majority of the opportunity of doing so?

What the most careful and scientific overhaul and preparation of the monkeys and men Miss Neilans refers to was I am at a loss to understand. I do know that the infection was far more thorough than would be the case in ordinary promiscuity, and yet the results were completely successful.

The War Office says that "instruction in the methods of prevention of venereal disease is given and provision is made to render the necessary material available to individuals."

'NO!' SAY TROOPS

Is this carried out? asks Mr. Lewis. Although I have asked many members of the Forces I have not met one who could say it was so in his case.

Surely in face of such facts, it is idle to quibble about "human nature" and refuse to use the strongest and surest weapon in the prophylactic arsenal, asks Mr. Lewis.

POSTCARDS LIBELS CHARGE

A seventy-year-old woman was alleged at Chester to have "peppered" a Major X with postcards, imputing that he was a man with two mistresses, an adulterer, a home wrecker and a bigamist.

She faced three charges of publishing defamatory libels. Charged with her was a twenty-two-year-old girl, whom, the prosecution declared, had been incredibly stupid.

The women were Mrs. Agnes Blanche Gristwood, aged seventy, of Sandon-road, Newton, Chester, and Miss Greta Marion Stewart, twenty-two-year-old typist, of Kingsway, Newton, Chester.

ASSOCIATION WITH DAUGHTER

It was alleged that Mrs. Gristwood had objected for several years to the association between her daughter, Mrs. Shoné, and Major X.

Mr. J. P. Mooreley, prosecuting, said that Mrs. Gristwood's viciousness caused her to send three highly defamatory and scurrilous postcards, addressed to Major X at his mess at a large military establishment in England.

The first postcard read: "To which woman will you assign your allowance? Your wife, your mistress near the camp or the mistress you have left in Chester?"

A second referred to the seventh and tenth Commandments, followed by six exclamation marks and the question to Major X: "Ever read?"

QUOTED COMMANDMENTS

Mr. Mooreley quoted the Commandments "Thou shalt not commit adultery" and "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife."

The third postcard had two newspaper cuttings stuck on the back. One read, "A fellow is pretty low who comes between what may be a hap-

CRICKET

CLUB HAVE THEIR REVENGE.

Hong Kong Cricket Club made no mistake in their two-day friendly cricket match with Free Foresters and won by the convincing margin of eight wickets.

Resuming their innings yesterday with a lead of 27, with three wickets intact, including that of John Pearce, who was not out overnight with 37 runs to his credit, Club carried their score to 247.

Pearce continued to bat confidently and when he was finally stumped by Grose off Owen Hughes, he had scored 76. He was given good support by D. de S. Carey and J. F. Lawrence.

Owen Hughes and McLellan were the most successful Free Foresters bowlers, taking 3 for 40 and 4 for 53 respectively. Following on 105 runs in arrears, Free Foresters could only manage 127, Skipworth again being top-scorer with 38, while Owen Hughes, Harvey and McLellan made twenties.

Set to score 23 runs to win, Club knocked these off for the loss of two wickets.

FREE FORESTERS—1st Inns.

2nd Innings		
H. Owen Hughes, b Fay	20	
Capt. Wilkinsoh, b Aitkenhead	1	
Capt. Skipworth, b Aitkenhead	38	
Perry, lbw., Fay	5	
Man, lbw., Fay	0	
Capt. Grose, c Richardson, b Fay	0	
Lt.-Col. Teversham, c Richardson, b Fay	0	
Major Harvey, b Aitkenhead	22	
McLellan, c Aitkenhead, b J. L. C.		
Pearce	27	
Weedon, not out	6	
Capt. Parsons, b J. L. C. Pearce	0	
Extras	8	

Total 127

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fay	13	3	53	5
Aitkenhead	11	0	49	3
Lloyd	2	0	11	0
J. L. C. Pearce	1	0	6	2

HONG KONG C.C.—1st Innings

J. E. Richardson, c Owen Hughes, b McLellan	33
F. Marshall, c Skipworth, b Harvey	0
T. A. Pearce, c Skipworth, b McLellan	41
Lt.-Comdr. Garrett, c Perry, b McLellan	14
J. L. C. Pearce, st. Grose, b Owen Hughes	76
B. C. Fay, b McLellan	11
Brig. Macleod, c Skipworth, b Owen Hughes	1
N. D. Lloyd, c McLellan, b Harvey	24
D. Carey, not out	22
Capt. J. F. Lawrence, run out	12
G. T. Aitkenhead, c and b Owen Hughes	1
Extras	12

Total 247

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Harvey	10	0	48	2
Perry	17	1	96	0
McLellan	14	0	53	4
Owen Hughes	6.6	1	40	3

2nd Innings

Marshall, not out	10
Capt. Lawrence, b Harvey	2
Aitkenhead, c Grose, b Perry	0
Lt.-Comdr. Garrett, not out	3
Extras	8

Total (for 2 wks.) 23

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Harvey	3	0	6	1
Perry	3	0	9	1

py couple, especially when they have a little baby."

The other cuttings were words addressed by Mr. Justice Hawke to a convicted bigamist at the last Chester Assizes: "I wish it could be understood that men who get women into trouble don't make honest women of them by marrying them if they have a wife living. The whole thing is futile."



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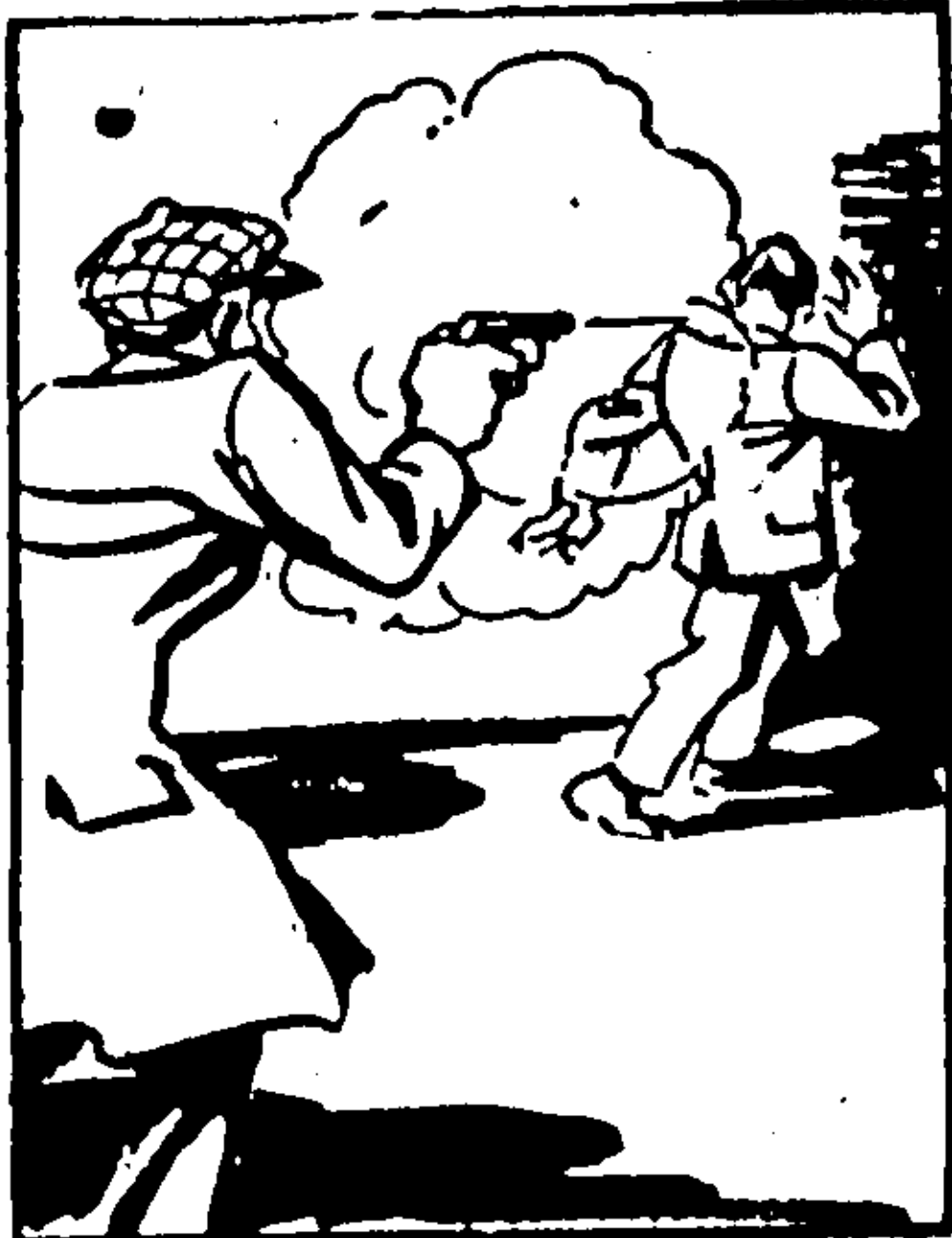
Some six years ago Detective Kenny gave chase to a man who had been trying to rob a home in Queens Borough, New York City. He was a tall, thin man who wore a gray cap and a light overcoat. As the detective approached him the fugitive pulled a pistol out of his coat pocket, shot his pursuer in the neck.

Three hours later Detective Kenny died from the wound, one more police martyr to duty.

The curious part of it was that Kenny was the fourth policeman who had been shot in the same way by the same man. The incidents roused the whole department. The bluecoats were particularly stirred over the cruel death of poor Kenny. So that day the order went out to get the killer at any cost.

James Pyke, a comparatively young detective, was placed in charge. He was assisted directly by Sergt. William Jackson and Detective McCarthy. Indirectly these three men were backed up by the entire police force.

McCarthy, who had obtained a good look at the culprit when he shot him in the neck, was assigned the task of going through the Rogues Gallery. Presently he came to a picture which resembled his man. It was



walk to the rear of the stand. McCarthy at once identified Hilton as the man who had shot him in the neck and as the man who had killed Detective Kenny.

"What is your name?" asked Pyke. "I'll give you my card," was the ready response.

As he said these words he reached into his coat pocket, but the detectives were too quick for him. They grabbed the pistol he had pulled out, deftly slipped a pair of handcuffs about his wrists. Hilton eventually confessed and was electrocuted.

By

GEORGE BARTON

that of Paul E. Hilton, who had a long prison record and who had only been released a few months before.

* * *

McCarthy made it his business to find out all that was possible concerning the suspect. He learned among other things that Hilton had played third base on the prison baseball nine. He also discovered that he was a dyed-in-the-wool baseball fan. When he was at liberty he never missed a game if it were possible to go to one. Moreover, he was an intense admirer of Heine Groh, the famous third baseman. It was his study of Groh's methods that prompted Hilton to play third base on the prison nine.

This information did not seem very promising to Detective McCarthy. To his mind a genuine baseball fan could not possibly be a murderer. That was one of Mr. Carthy's pet superstitions. Another was that a man walking the streets at night and smoking a cigar was not likely to be a suspicious character.

Just when he was about to discard the idea of Hilton he learned something else about the man that caused him to go ahead with his first lead. It was that Hilton had BLINKING EYES.

The word went out to pick up the suspect, but at the end of 48 hours that person was still at liberty. It was then that Pyke had a real inspiration. He heard that Groh was to play in Brooklyn that afternoon and he invited McCarthy and Jackson and two plainclothes men to go out and see the game.

* * *

It seemed like a strange thing that a group of detectives working on a murder mystery should spend an afternoon at the ball game. But Pyke knew precisely what he was doing. The officials reached the park before the game started and seated themselves in the grandstand, directly back of third base. Presently a tall, thin man, wearing a gray cap and a light overcoat, came in and took a seat where he could see the plays made by Heine Groh. And the man had BLINKING EYES.

Pyke moved down and tapped him on the shoulder and invited him to

HARSH SOVIET LIVING CONDITIONS

Helsinki, January 28.

Soviet prisoners-of-war state that the monthly salary for specialist amounts to 400 roubles but that the majority get between 100 and 150 roubles each month. Women working in Soviet Russia earn between 70 and 80 roubles monthly and taxes, obligatory loans and contributions to the syndicates absorb 20 per cent. of the salaries.

The prisoners also say that if a workman fails to satisfy his superiors, he is fined to the extent of 30 per cent. in some cases. For 150 roubles, they add, it is possible to buy either 20 or 30 kilograms of white bread, 10 kilograms of meat, 8 kg. of butter, 3 kg. of coffee or a pair of boots. Rental of an apartment of between 5 and 8 square metres, amounts to between 30 and 60 roubles monthly, the prisoners state. — Havas.

PUPPETS WANT THE EMBASSY

Tokyo, January 28.

The permanent representative of Wang Ching-wei in Tokyo, Tan Chiao-cheng, Chief Private Secretary



If good old Saint Nick had been any better to many of us we would go through 1940 believing the world was full of dreams.

of the "Provisional Chinese Government," hopes soon to take over the long-empty Chinese Embassy here, the "Miyako Shimbun" reports.

Mr. Tan's present offices in Azabu are becoming too small for him, according to the same report.

In an interview, Mr. Tan admitted, however, that he would have to wait at least until the new Wang Ching-wei regime is established in China for no less than ¥50,000 are needed to renovate the Embassy building.

The house to-day is in such a dilapidated state that some people even say it is haunted. — Havas.

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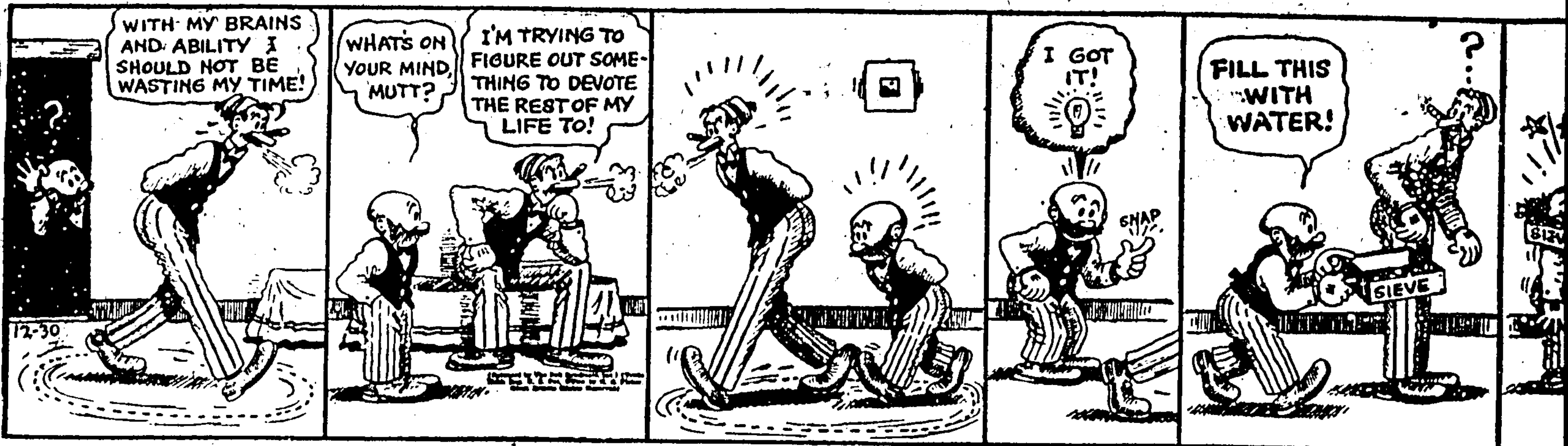
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12.50 p.m.—Magyar Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. Bihari Waltzes (Bihari); Serenade. Out In The Puszta I Plough And Sow; It's A Great Pity (Bodrogi).
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Louis Levy & His Gaumont British Symphony with Ivy St Helier (Vocal).
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"Sailing Along" Selection . . . Louis Levy & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announce-

ments.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Jay Wilbur & His Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Closing Scene of the last Act of Wagner's "Die Meistersinger."
6.41 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.43 p.m.—Dvorak—Quintet in A Major, Op. 81.
Artur Schnabel and The Pro Arte Quartet.
7.17 p.m.—Rachmaninoff at the Piano. "Midsummer Night's Dream"—Scherzo (Mendelssohn, arr. Rachmaninoff).
Trolka En Trainaux, Op. 37, No. 11 (Tchaikowsky); Polka De W. R. (Rachmaninoff).
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Variety with Ann Penn, Sandy Powell, The Maestros and Others.
Comedienne—So Tired (Little & Sizemore); Cut In The New Mown Hay (Dougherty & Others); Ann Penn with Orchestra.
Humorous Sketch—Sandy Goes Courting . . . Sandy Powell And Company.
Piano-Accordeons—Calling Me Home. (Wilfred) . . . London Piano-Accordeon Band under the directions of Scott Wood.
Vocal Quintette—Little Annie Rooney (Nolan) . . . The Haestros with Piano.
Piano-Accordeons—I Have Lost My Heart In Budapest (Mihaly & Felner) . . . London Piano-Accordeon Band under the direction of Scott Wood.
Vocal Quintette—Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me A Bow-Wow (Tabrar); The Maestros with Piano.
Piano-Accordeons—The White Cliffs of Dover (Leon & Towers) . . . London Piano-Accordeon Band under the direction of Scott Wood.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"The Shadow of the Swastika" Episode 8: "From War to War."
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Local sport results.
9.33 p.m.—Derek Oldham (Tenor) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.
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"The Gay Nineties"—Waltz Medley New Mayfair Orchestra with

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Medley of Dance 'Hits' Intro: Hoo; Pennies from Heaven; my dream boat comes home New Mayfair Orchestra.
"Words and Music"—Sel (Noel Coward) . . . New fair Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—A Scottish Program.
Skye Boat Song (Trad., arr. colm Lawson); Sound The Pi (Trad., arr. Lees) . . . Alex Macgregor (Baritone) with accomp. by Gerald Moore.
When Agnes Got Married Culloch) . . . William McC (Comedian).
Scottish Melodies (arr. Moffat): Introduction; Annie L Inverness; Gathering Reel; Ye to Me; Bagpipe Imitation Florence MacBride (Violin) Piano.
The Road to the Isles (Kenneth Leod-Kennedy-Fraser); Ye and Braes (arr. Murray) . . . ney MacEwan (Tenor) with strummental Trio.
Harry Lauder—Vocal Gems Byng); Intro: Tobermory; your tickling Jock; The Kilty She is my Rosie; She is Daisy . . . Scottish Male Singers with Orchestra.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Log".
11.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Tears On My Face Did you go down Lambeth Ronnie Munro & His Orchestra.
Rumbas—The Lady In Red (fl. Caliente) Rumba Tambah Don Ramon & His Cuban chestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—Just one Chance; Quickstep—My Heaven . . . Josephine Br & Her Ballroom Orchestra.
Tango—Marlous; Waltz—Give Your Hand . . . The B.B.C. Orchestra.
Quickstep—Somebody Stole my Fox-Trot—Ain't She Sweet? Brian Lawrence & His Qu Fox-Trot—So Many Men Waltz—Don't Forget The Folks At Home . . . Billy burn & His Music.
Fox-Trots—Jubilee (film Day's a Holiday) The Doodle . . . Nat Gonella Georgians.
12.00 midnight—Close down.

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SAFETY FIRST

The great majority of players, when playing a hand, set out to win every trick in sight, completely neglecting the all-important matter of safety. To us (except when we are playing Duplicate Bridge) it is the height of folly to take even the slightest risk of losing a contract merely for the sake

of making one or two overtricks. Strangely enough, here is an example where South, by making a simple safety play, would have actually scored the overtrick he was so anxious to make.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ 10 9 7 4
♥ 2
♦ K J 5
♣ 10 7 6 5 3
♠ K J 6 5
♥ A 10 8 4
♦ 3
♣ 8 7 2
♠ A Q 2
♥ K J 9
♦ A Q 3
♣ A K 9 8

The bidding:

South West North East
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

West opened his fourth-best heart and South captured East's Queen with his King. South immediately banged down his Ace and King of clubs, and when they failed to drop, he had no more play for his contract. Declarer had to concede a club trick to East and the heart return then gave the defence four more tricks.

The safety play should be obvious. South should have played a small diamond to dummy's Jack, then led a club and finessed the eight-spot (if

East split his honours, South could win, enter dummy with another diamond and take a second finesse). While this deep club finesse would generally cost a trick, it completely ensured the contract, for South would be bound to win four club tricks, three diamonds, one heart and one spade. It would be impossible for East to obtain the lead and, as the cards were actually distributed, South would have been able to make at least one overtrick and probably more inasmuch as West would be squeezed on the long club suit.

Yesterday you and your partner (Merwin Maier) had a part score of 70. Neither side was vulnerable and you held:

♠ x
♥ A K x x x
♦ A J x x
♣ x x x

The bidding:

You Burnstone Maier Schenken
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. Even though your partner has given a mild Slam Invitation, your hand does not warrant acceptance. Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 330

You are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ A x x
♥ K x x
♦ x x
♣ J 10 x x x

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Burnstone
1♠ Pass (?)
What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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INTERPORT POSTPONED AT LAST MOMENT

Saigon Delayed Further Arrive Late Afternoon

BIG MATCH TO-DAY; VISITORS HOPE FOR WARMER WEATHER

(By "REFEREE")

THE INTERPORT GAME with Saigon was cancelled shortly after noon yesterday when it was learned that the visitors would not arrive in time.

The team was to have arrived here early yesterday morning but was delayed some 12 hours owing to heavy weather.

Owing to war restrictions, no communication was available with the ship and the agents themselves were unaware of the time the ship would arrive but believed it would dock about noon.

All ground arrangements were complete and at noon, in the absence of any notification that she had yet been sighted, the game was postponed by a meeting on the field.

This resulted in much work to the officials as band, police and other arrangements had to be cancelled, while the invited guests had to be telephoned to prevent them from coming to the ground.

Z.B.W. ASSISTS

The Broadcasting Station assisted greatly by broadcasting the news in English and Chinese and posters and handbills were rushed out and distributed at the principal bus and tram stops en route to the field.

Shortly after, 2,000 people, unaware of the postponement, wended their way to Caroline Hill and every bus and tram was crowded.

Posters had been placed near the field but the crowd were doubtful and still continued up the hill.

Excellent work was done by the Traffic Department.

The following programme has now been arranged for the visitors.

To-day they will play the Interport and to-morrow will meet South China. The game against Eastern will be played on Monday.

INTRA-CLUB GOLF

In the Kowloon Golf Club President versus Vice-President's teams match on Thursday, the latter won by 13 points to 10½. The scores were:

President's Team	Vice-President's Team	
R. K. Collings	1 A. E. Davies	0
A. J. Dennis	0 W. A. Stewart	1
T. B. Low	0 W. Aherne	1
F. C. Barry	1 W. C. Simpson	0
T. Lamb	1 E. F. Fincher	0
S. Jex	1½ W. Baston	0
W. Kershaw	1 N. Hardie	0
J. E. Humble	1 E. O. Murphy	¼
J. Coles	1 W. Davenport	¼
A. Butterfield	1 T. Henderson	1¼
		8½
		3½

FOURSOMES

Collings and Dennis	0	Davies and Stewart	2
Low and Barry	0	Simpson and Aherne	2
Lamb and Jex	2	Fincher and Baston	0
Kershaw and Humble	0	Hardie and Murphy	2
Coles and Labrum	0	Henderson and Williams	2
Labrum (odd pair)	0	Williams (odd pair)	1¼
			8½
			3½

COLONY DRAW SECOND MATCH IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day. Following their defeat in the Interport football contest on Thursday Hong Kong played the Shanghai Chinese yesterday, the sides sharing two goals.—Reuter.

The following are the teams:—

Hong Kong:—Robinson; Blackburn and Lee Tin-sang; Sung Ling-sing, Williamson and Hsu King-seng; Fowler, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong, Thorburn and Bickford.

Manager:—Mr. W. E. Hollands.

Saigon:—Tai; Cui and Corea; Ven, Paccini and Bui; Gulchard, Dai, Tot, Tien and Hoa.

Manager:—Mr. Baurain.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Owing to the Interport game this afternoon at Caroline Hill at 3.30 p.m. to-day's League programme has been greatly curtailed and only a few Third Division games will be played. The following is the programme.

Third Division

12th R.A. v 5th A.A.R.A.
(Stanley, 2.45 p.m.).

24th R.A. v Engineers
(St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.).

Service Corps v South China
(Military, 4.15 p.m.).

Kumaons v Electric
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.).

GOOD GAME ON TAP AT KING'S PARK

(By "ADREM")

There is only one match on the card in First Division of the Cricket League for this afternoon but it should be a particularly interesting one. It will be played at King's Park between the Champions, Club de Recreio, and the greatly improved Civil Service Cricket Club.

Recreio have a very well-balanced side and will be hard to beat but there are several fine batsmen in the Valley team who should be able to provide quite a lot of opposition.

Both teams are at full strength and although Recreio, playing on their own ground, will take a lot of beating, they will be unable to take matters too easily.

THE JUNIORS

In Junior Division, Craigengower, who have victories over K.C.C., the Junior Champions, and Army to their credit, should account for Recreio juniors, but again an upset is not unlikely.

In the other match, Civil Service, fresh from their first victory of the season scored last week at the expense of University, will be all out for blood against Army but in view of the strong batting in the Army team are unlikely to do better than draw.

Friendly matches will be played between Club and Army, and K.C.C. and Craigengower among the seniors, and H.K.C.C. juniors and Police.

To-morrow, a strong Volunteer eleven will be opposed to Police in a whole-day game. Although Police are unlikely to win, this game should be as enjoyable as this type of fixture always is.

Following is to-day's cricket programme and some of the teams:—

FIRST DIVISION
Recreio v C.S.C.C.

SECOND DIVISION
C.C.C. v Recreio
C.S.C.C. v Army

FRIENDLY
K.C.C. v C.C.C.
Army v H.K.C.C. 1st XI
H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v P.R.C.

SENIORS
C.S.C.C.:—D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, J. Barrow, T. V. N. Fortescue, J. E. Richardson, B. C. K. Hawkins, W. H. Colledge, N. Whitley, R. J. Fenton, F. E. Lawrence and D. J. Hollidge.

RECREIO:—A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), E. L. Gosano, P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., W. A. Reed, L. G. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, G. N. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio, J. M. Gosano, A. P. Pereira and N. Beltrao.

C.C.C.:—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billmorla, A. R. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, A. J. Hulse, H. P. Lim, E. A. Lee, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, G. Winch and F. R. Zimmern.

Umpire:—G. Ladd.

Scorer:—H. W. Randall.

JUNIORS
C.C.C.:—B. R. Iranees (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, T. Lock, J. W. Leonard, A. M. Omar, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way and J. L. Youngsaye.
Scorer:—W. Broadbridge.

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LADIES' 7-A-SIDES

(By "ADREM")

There will be no Ladies' League hockey this afternoon, activity being confined to the annual seven-a-side tournaments for the Pearce and Knill Cups.

St. Andrew's Ladies are the present holders of the senior trophy and have a very good chance of retaining it. Principal challengers will be "Y" Ladies, although their team is not as formidable as last season.

It is noteworthy that several of their most seasoned players, including Mrs. Burnett, the captain, will be unable to take part as she has not included herself in the senior team and, being a Caer Clark Cup player, is ineligible to play for the junior.

Hong Kong Ladies should also do well this afternoon as they have some extremely speedy players in their line-up, including the redoubtable Miss Marr and Miss Purvis, their wingers.

The struggle for the Junior trophy should be no less interesting. Argonauts will start favourites and success

INTERPORT BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

The Football Association announce that all seating arrangements for the three matches will stand and that all seats paid for will be according to the match and not the date.

Refund for tickets already purchased may be had on application on the field on the morning of the game.

for them will mean a probability of their carrying off the Brawn Cup and Knill Cup in this their first season in competitive hockey.

D.G.S. and C.B.A. should be the strongest challengers for the trophy. Hong Kong Ladies, holders, will be unable to compete as they have not a team in the Brawn Cup competition this season.

C.B.A. Seniors:—M. White, B. Parsons, P. Everest, A. Smith, M. Quick, I. Woolley, and B. Squires.

C.B.A. Juniors:—M. Mackay, B. Sullivan, E. Hunt, J. Felshow, J. Crawford, E. Woolley, and P. Baxter.

"Y" Ladies Seniors:—Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Strange, K. Boocock, B. Harker, D. McCaw, Miss M. McCaw, and Mrs. Gardner.

St. Andrew's Seniors:—J. Hall; G. White and M. da Roza; J. Wong; F.

MACAO DEFEATED BY KUMAON RIFLES

THE VISITING MACAO hockey team played their second match in the Colony yesterday morning and went down to Kumaon Rifles by the only goal scored.

The hockey provided was fast and thrilling and in view of the fact that the Army team were without the services of some of their most prominent players, notably Partaub Singh the Interporter, their success was a good one.

Play was fairly even throughout the game but the converting of a long corner by Capt. Loch in the first half gave Kumaons a lead which they held until the final whistle.

Loch's shot whistled into the net like a bullet for one of the finest goals seen for some time.

Macao:—C. Almada; Rig. Rosario and A. Basto; J. Nolasco, Alex Alrosa and J. Santos Ferreira; F. Nolasco, Laertes, Costa (Capt.), P. Angelo, R. Angelo and Amilcar Angelo.

Kumaons:—Hira Singh; Gusein Singh and Nawal Singh; Krishna Singh, Hansa Datt and Lal Singh; Capt. Loch, Ram Singh, Nerein Singh, Sher Singh and Kushar Singh.

Wong, P. Bliss, and H. Reid.

"Y" Ladies Juniors:—Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Grieves, Miss Dunne, Miss Stokes, Mrs. Ashman, Miss Russell, and Mrs. Macklin.

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Police, weakened by the loss of Luscombe through injury, are unlikely to extend Navy at full strength in today's Rugby match at Boundary Street, Kowloon, at 4.15 p.m.

Prior to this game Club "A" will meet Middlesex Regiment at 3 p.m.

Following are the teams:

NAVY—Lieutenant Bax; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Pay Lieutenant Stevens and Sub-Lieutenant Kennedy; Lieutenant Carter and Lieutenant Commander Clark; L.S.A.

Palmer, Lieutenant (E) Brown and Ldg. Wtr. Barlow; Fl. Lieutenant Taylor and Chief Writer King; Ldg. Wtr. Ferris, Pay Lieutenant Charles and Mid. Murray Jones.

Reserves:—Mid O'Riordan, Mid Roe, Ldg. Sig. Inglis and Pay Sub Lieut. Sumner.

POLICE—Taylor; Reynolds, Fay Wilson and Jackson; Leslie and Morrison; Wheeler, Cullinan and Searle; Rose and Innis; Wright-Nooth, Dempsey and Riddell.

CLUB "A"—Thompson; A. N. Other, A. N. Other, Morgan and Hopkins; Carruthers and Tresidder; Kennedy, McCrea, Heasman; Bompas, Dr. Hackett; Richardson, Carey and Leigh.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

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BLACK SEA PACT EXCLUDING RUSSIA: NAZI RUMOURINGS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

WHILE THERE IS no truth in reports of an impending signature of a Black Sea Pact grouping Rumania, Bulgaria and Turkey against Russia, the following trends may be distinguished in present Balkan policies, according to authorised circles:—

INVITATIONS TO REDS TO SURRENDER

COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY.
FINNISH PLANES HAVE DROPPED INVITATIONS TO SURRENDER OVER THE RUSSIAN 54TH DIVISION, TRAPPED IN THE KUIMO AREA, ACCORDING TO THE "NATIONAL TIDENDE."

The leaflets urge the Russians to tie a white bandage to their forehead and surrender between 9 and 10 in the morning or between 4 and 5 in the afternoon.

The Finns believe that the Russians, impelled by cold and hunger, will accept the offer. — Reuter.

BOMB THROWN AT THE "TA KUNG PAO" OFFICE

Shanghai, To-day.
A hand grenade was thrown at the

1. Turkey and Bulgaria are eagerly seeking a rapprochement;
2. Belgrade contemplates a rapprochement with Hungary;
3. Italy and Rumania are entering on closer relations and important parleys are due to take place soon.

A Hungaro-Yugoslav settlement is supported by Rome but so far Belgrade's proposals to Budapest for a non-aggression pact have not been accepted because Hungary, though ready to waive for the time being her revisionist claims, does not want to renounce them under a written treaty.

Thus, the problems occupying Balkan diplomats appear chiefly to concern the Balkans themselves, and the opinion is expressed in Paris that rumours of a Black Sea Anti-Russian Pact are being deliberately spread by Berlin in order to induce Russia to keep a close watch on the Black Sea. — Havas.

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The Admiralty announce that a British destroyer yesterday sank two U-boats which were attacking a convoy.

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Washington, To-day.

Well-informed circles generally agree it would be a mistake to interpret the announcement regarding American peace talks with neutrals as in any way an effort to end the present European hostilities.

The Government apparently aims at reassuring neutrals, especially the so-called "have-nots," that their interests will not be overlooked when peace comes to be discussed, and everything will be done by the United States to ensure a genuine and lasting peace in which armaments will be reduced and international commerce re-started.

In this connexion, various high officials in recent public speeches have emphasised the enormous problem presented to America, as well as other nations, by the trade and financial readjustment which will be necessary when hostilities come to an end. — Reuter.

Chungking, To-day.

The battle between Chinese and Japanese forces in the vicinity of Pingyang, north-east of Nanning, in south Kwangsi, is still continuing, according to a Chinese report received here to-day.

The Japanese are continuing to pour reinforcements into the area, particularly for a drive along the highways from Nanning towards Pingyang and Wuming.

Observers here think the Japanese are concentrating all available troops in south Kwangsi for a desperate drive into the north of the province in an attempt to cut highway communications between China and French Indo-China.

While the intentions of the Japanese are not yet clear it is generally believed they will try to push northward and reach Tatang, on the highway west of Liuchow. If they succeed in reaching Tatang it is expected they will then try to push westward towards Hochih, an important town on the highway in north-west Kwangsi, and perhaps advance eastward towards Liuchow, a city south-west of Kweilin. — Reuter.

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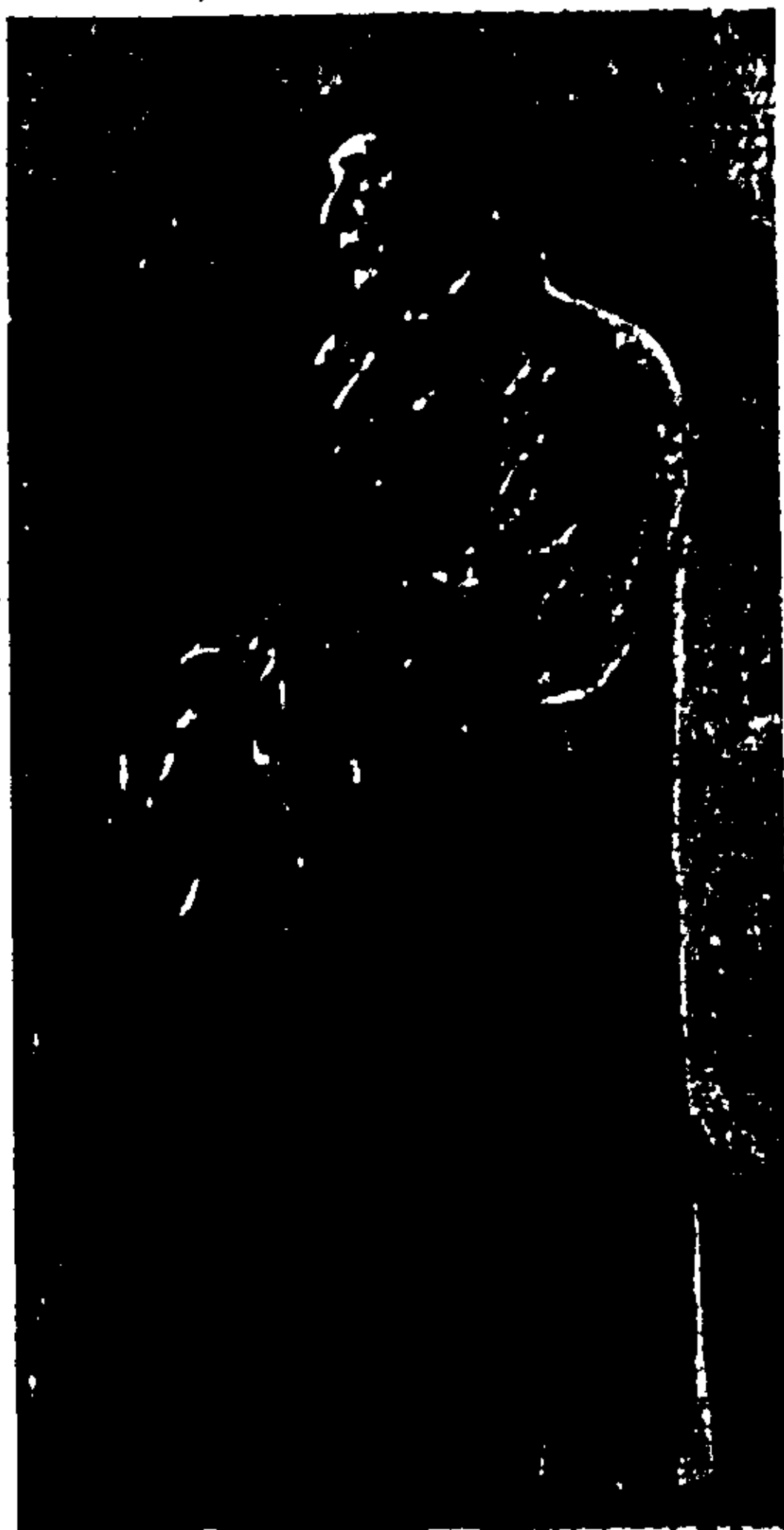
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